



The Book of

GENESIS

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Genesis is the first Book in the Bible and is the Key of all that follows in the other 65 books. The **Whole Bible** is the Complete Revelation of God - - of his Love, Will, and Purpose in our **Redemption**. Genesis is the Foundation upon which this Divine Revelation rests; the root out of which all the branches grow. Genesis is **the Seed Plot of the Bible**.



THE BOOK OF GENESIS

50 Chapters

INTRO: Above and beyond the Bible is the **GOD OF THE BIBLE**. The Book of Genesis is the **SEED PLOT** of the Bible, for every great truth in the Bible has its beginning in this Book. **GENESIS** means: **BEGINNING, ORIGIN, SOURCE, BIRTHS, GENERATIONS**. As the Book of Beginnings; it records the **BEGINNING** of: **CREATION, THE HEAVENS & the EARTH & all that therein is, MAN, WOMAN, SABBATH, MARRIAGE, HOME, FAMILY, WORK, CITIES, SIN, MURDER, SACRIFICE, WORSHIP, RACES, LANGUAGES, CIVILIZATION, NATIONS, LAW, GOVERNMENT, PROMISE, PROPHECY, LITERATURE, SCIENCE, ARTS, REDEMPTION, & ETC.** **GENESIS** is the Book of Beginning of Everything but **GOD**, Who had no Beginning. The Book of Genesis covers a total period of time of about 2350 years. In fact, the first **ELEVEN CHAPTERS** cover about 2000 years; whereas, the last 39 Chapters cover only 350 years. If we judge the importance of a Subject by the space given it, we would have to conclude that the first part of Genesis (Chapters 1 through 11) were simply preparation for that which follows.

I. THE HUMAN RACE IN GENERAL (Approx. 2000 years) – (vs. 1 – 11).

II. THE CHOSEN RACE IN PARTICULAR (Approx. 350 years) – (vs. 12-50).

This portion could be summed up in the lives of four men: **Abraham, Isaac, Jacob & Joseph**.

NOTE: The emphasis placed in this Book: One Chapter is given to **CREATION**; One Chapter is given to Man's Beginning, the Home & Etc.; One Chapter is on the Origin of **SIN**; 8 Chapters are on the Human Family and 38 Chapters are on the Hebrew Family.

GENESIS CHAPTER ONE

INTRO: The First Chapter of the Book of Genesis gives no room for the Atheistic Doctrine of **EVOLUTION** (or better, **DEVILUTION**). The theory of **EVOLUTION** is from the hearts and minds of men who refuse to believe **GOD** and His **WORD**. *'Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed (made) by the Word of God so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.'* (Heb. 11:3).

I. CREATION - - THE ORIGINAL CREATION – (v. 1).

- A. When - - '*In the Beginning*' This is the Beginning of everything relating to time. Remember, **GOD IS FOREVER, ETERNAL**, with no Beginning.
- B. Who - - '*GOD*' '*ELOHIM*' which is the word used: (1) **ALMIGHTY ALL POWERFUL** and (2) It is plural, suggesting three or more, the **TRINITY**.
- C. What - - '*Created*' used 3 times in Gen. 1 - means **TO CREATE OUT OF NOTHING**.
 1. (v. 1) The Heavens & the Earth.
 2. (v. 21) The **FOWLS** for the Air & the **FISHES** for the Sea.
 3. (v. 27) **MAN** in His own Image (Likeness).

II. THE EARTH WAS WITHOUT FORM & VOID & IN DARKNESS – (v. 2).

Compare the Earth then with the condition of the **UNSAVED TODAY**. '*Without Form*' without Direction; '*Void*' Empty, dissatisfied and in complete '*Darkness*.'

III. RE-CREATION or RESTORATION (The Six Days of Re-Creation) – (vs. 3-31).

NOTE: Summed Up - - - the Message of Genesis One is:

- (1) **CREATION** (v. 1);
- (2) **DEGENERATION** (v. 2);
- (3) **RE-CREATION** (vs. 3-31);

- - or - -

CONSTRUCTION; DESTRUCTION & RECONSTRUCTION.



GENESIS

KEY VERSE: (Gen. 1:1) *'In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.'*

INTRO: The Book of Genesis covers a little more than 2300 years and was written by Moses. The name Genesis means: Beginning, Origins, Source, Births, Generations. It REALLY IS the **BOOK of BEGINNINGS**, because it not only begins the Bible but is the Beginning of all that follows in the other 65 books of the Bible. The Whole Bible is the complete revelation of God - - of His **LOVE, WILL & His PURPOSE** in our **REDEMPTION**. Genesis is the Foundation upon which this Divine Revelation rests; it's the **ROOT** out of which all the branches grow. Genesis is often called the "SEED PLOT OF THE BIBLE."

I. AS THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS WE FIND THE BEGINNING OF:

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| 1. Creation. | 7. Work. | 13. Civilization. | 19. Prophecy. |
| 2. Man. | 8. Sin. | 14. Nations. | 20. Literature. |
| 3. Woman. | 9. Murder. | 15. Worship. | 21. Science. |
| 4. Marriage. | 10. Sacrifice. | 16. Law. | 22. Arts. |
| 5. Family. | 11. Races. | 17. Government. | 23. Redemption. |
| 6. Sabbath. | 12. Languages. | 18. Promise. | 24. Many others |

Beginning of Everything - **except GOD**, Who had no Beginning. Amen.

II. THE WHOLE BOOK OF GENESIS: Divided Into Two (2) Main Sections:

A. FROM ADAM TO ABRAHAM or DEGENERATION - (Chaps. 1- 11). This Section gives us a General History of the Human Race. We see the course of **DEGENERATION**:

FIRST, in the individual - - **ADAM**,

SECOND, in the Family - - **CAIN & his descendants**.

THIRD, in the **NATIONS** - - **NATIONS** before Flood

THE FOUR MAIN EVENTS:

(1) **CREATION** (Chap 1 & 2). (3) **THE FLOOD** (Chaps. 6 - 8).

(2) **THE FALL** (Chap. 3). (4) **BABEL** - Languages (Chap. 11).

B. FROM ABRAHAM through JOSEPH or REGENERATION - (Chaps. 12-50).

In this Section we see the **PROCESS** of God Calling out a **PEOPLE** - - **ISRAEL** - the **CHOSEN PEOPLE & the PROCESS OF REGENERATION**.

FIRST, in the **INDIVIDUAL** - Abraham, Isaac & Jacob.

SECOND, in the **FAMILY** - Sons of Jacob (12).

THIRD, in the **NATION** - **ISRAEL** (12 Tribes).

III. THE EMPHASIS IN THE BOOK OF GENESIS:

The Holy Spirit emphasized some parts of Genesis stronger than other parts. **WHY?**

Because of their importance in God's Plan of Redemption.

1. First Eleven (11) Chapters cover approx. 2000 years (Human race in General).

2. From Chap. 12 on through Chap. 50 (39) chapters cover only 360 years.

Where did God put the Emphasis?

NOTE: Another illustration where God placed the emphasis by space given in Scripture. The **FOUR GOSPELS** (Matthew, Mark, Luke & John) contain 89 Chapters. The 4 Gospels record the main events in the life of Jesus Christ. 4 Chapters cover **the first 30 years of Christ's Life**. 85 Chapters cover **the LAST 3 years of His Life**. 27 Chapters cover the **LAST 8 days of His Life**: Judging by the space given to each of these accounts in the Scriptures, which is more important in God's sight? The First 30 years or the LAST 8 days?

GENESIS begins with God and ends with a COFFIN in Egypt.



GENESIS CF. REVELATION

The books of Genesis and Revelation have a unique place in Scripture. In Genesis, everything begins and nothing concludes, while in Revelation, nothing begins and everything climaxes and concludes. Satan especially hates these two books and will discourage reading and studying them. Genesis announces and predicts his downfall and doom and the Book of Revelation describes and accomplishes it.

1. The Beginning of Time.
2. The Creation of Heaven & Earth.
3. Satan's First Rebellion.
4. Paradise Lost (He who marred 1st creation, tries to mar new creation).
5. Tree of Life.
6. Death Pronounced.
7. First Marriage.
8. Serpent Enters.
9. First Adam Defeated.
10. First Lamb Slain.
11. Flood of Water.
12. First Family on Earth.
13. Construction of Babylon.
14. Israel Called & Blessed.
15. Times of the Gentiles.
16. The First Coming of Christ.
17. The public Ministry of Christ.
18. The Church Called Out (A People for His Name's sake).
18. The Church Called Up (The Rapture).
17. The Public Ministry of the Anti-Christ.
16. The Second Coming of Christ (Revelation).
15. The Time of the Gentiles (Close of Tribulation Period).
14. Israel Recalled & Given Blessing (Rom. 11).
13. Destruction of Babylon (Religious, Commercial & Political).
12. Whole Family of God in Heaven.
11. Flood of Fire.
10. Second Lamb Crowned.
9. Second Adam Victorious.
8. Serpent Cast Out.
7. Last Marriage.
6. Death Destroyed.
5. Tree of Life.
4. Paradise Regained.
3. Satan's Final Rebellion.
2. The New Heavens & the New Earth.
1. The End of Time.

In Epistle of Peter
*'the Heaven & earth
 shall pass away.'*

In Revelation (John)
*A New Heaven and a
 New Earth.'*



THE SIX DAYS OF CREATION

Genesis Chapter 1

KEY VERSE: (Col. 1:16b) *'all things were created by him, and for him.'*

INTRO: What an exciting, thrilling thing it is to just stand on the brink of Eternity and watch God create the Heavens and the Earth and everything in them. That's exactly what we are doing here in the first Chapter of Genesis. **FIRST**, we see the **EARTH**, without form, void and dark, and the Spirit of God moving (Hovering, Brooding) over it as though seeking a place to start.

NOTE: What is God's objective in this brief account of Creation? Each day's creative work is leading up to God's Masterpiece, **MAN**, created in God's own image. In fact, everything in Chapter One leads up to **MAN'S CREATION** and from Chapter two everything leads from Man's Creation to Man's **REDEMPTION**.

I. 1st Day - LIGHT (God Makes Day out of Night) - (vs. 3 - 5).

Light is a symbol of God Himself, for *'God is Light'* and He has revealed His Glory *'in the face of Jesus Christ'* (II Cor. 4:6), who is the *'Light of the World'* (John 9:5).

NOTE: In Heaven there's only **LIGHT**, no **DARKNESS**.

In Hell there's only **DARKNESS**, no **LIGHT**.

On Earth there's a **MIXTURE** of **LIGHT & DARKNESS**.

II. 2nd Day - FIRMAMENT (Something Firm or Solid) "EXPANSE" - (vs. 6 - 8).

The Firmament (Atmosphere or Space) above the Earth literally reaches out to the ends of the, Universe. The First Heaven is the Atmosphere immediately about the Earth where the birds and planes fly and where the clouds are that water the Earth.

III. 3rd Day - DRY LAND APPEARS - is CLOTHED with VEGETATION - (vs. 9-13).

The waters are gathered into seas and the dry land appears, forming the continents and islands. Also, it was clothed with green grass, herbs and trees. Plant life did not develop out of the minerals on which it lives; nor did it develop into Animal life, which it supports. The World is becoming beautiful by each Creative Act of God.

NOTE: These first 3 days of Creation are characterized by the word "SEPARATION or DIVIDE."

FIRST DAY - - - Separation of **LIGHT** from **DARKNESS**;

SECOND DAY - - - Separation of **WATER** from **WATER**;

THIRD DAY - - - Separation of **LAND** from **WATER**.

IV. 4th Day - THE LIGHT HOLDERS (The Sun, Moon & Stars) - (vs. 14-19).

They Are Given To Do Four Things:

1. DIVIDE (vs. 4, 14, 18).

3. RULE (vs. 16, 18).

2. ILLUMINATION (v. 17).

4. SIGNS and SEASONS (v. 14).

NOTE: There was **LIGHT** before there was a **SUN**. **Cosmic Light** then Solar Light.

V. 5th Day - FISHES & FOWLS (CREATE three times vs. 1, 21, 27) - (vs. 24-23).

FISHES for the **SEA** and **FOWLS** for the **SKY**.

VI. 6th Day - ANIMALS & MAN - (vs. 24-30).

A. **Animals** - (vs. 24-25) **DOMESTIC, REPTILES & WILD ANIMALS**.

B. **MAN** - (vs. 26-30) **THE CROWNING CLIMAX OF CREATION - GOD'S**

MASTERPIECE created in His Own Image (Eph. 2:10). **Created BY GOD, FOR GOD, FOR FELLOWSHIP**, in **GOD'S IMAGE**, with **GOD'S BREATH** (Spirit) **IN HIM**.

'For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the Glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.' (II Cor. 4:6)



THE SIX DAYS OF CREATION COMPARED WITH THE NEW CREATION

Genesis 1:1 - 2:3

KEY VERSE: (II Cor. 4:6) *'For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the Glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.'*

INTRO:

1. **CHAOS (Ruin) – (v. 2).**
(Psa 14:2-3; Isa. 57:20; John 3:18-20; Isa. 53:6; and Romans 3:10-19)
2. **THE SPIRIT'S MOVING (Conviction) - (v. 2).**
(John 16:8-11 and Acts 2:18).
3. **LIGHT – (v. 3).**
(John 8:12; II Cor. 4:6; Eph. 5:8; I Peter 2:9 and Psalm 119:130)
4. **DIVISION (Separation) – (vs. 4-7).**
(John 3:36; 7:43; 9:16; 10:19; II Cor. 6:14 -18; and Lev. 11:44-47)
5. **GROWTH – (vs. 11-12).**
(I Peter 2:1-2; II Peter 3:18; Eph. 4:15; and II Thess. 1:3)
6. **FRUIT-BEARING (Fruitful) – (v. 12).**
(John 15:1-8; Heb. 13:15; Romans 6:22; Romans.1:13; and Phil. 4:17)
7. **DOMINION – (v. 26).**
(Psalm 8:3-4; Col. 1:16-18; Rev. 5:9-14)
8. **GOD'S IMAGE – (v. 26).**
(Col. 3:10 and I John 3:1-3)
9. **BLESSING – (v. 28).**
(Psalm 32:1; Eph. 1:3; and Psalm 1:1-2)
10. **REST – (Genesis 2:2).**
(Hebrews 4:1-3 and Matthew 11:28-30)

NOTE: The second verse of Genesis One describes the sad, pathetic condition of the earth without Form; Void, (Empty) sunk in the deep and wrapped about with darkness. The remainder of the Chapter describes the renewing power of the Spirit of God in producing light and life and beauty from out of this ruin. The creative power of the same Holy Spirit works today in a similar manner in the ruined nature of the fallen man. Believers are new creatures (creations) II Cor. 5:17 and are created unto good works. So the ruin revealed in v. 2 pictures the sinner before salvation (regeneration) and the order, beauty and rest (2:2) set forth the perfection of the Spirit's work in him.

NOTE: The little word '*and*' in this section (Genesis 1:1- 2:3). Count the number of times it is used and that each time it denotes a separate action of God in the Creation.

ALSO: Count the number of times these words are used in this section:

'Good' -

'Made' -

'Heaven' -

'Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.' Psalm 104:30



MARRIAGE - WISE & OTHERWISE

Gen. 1:26-29; 2:18-24; 3:16-21

KEY VERSE: (Song of Sol. 4:2) *'His banner over me is love.'* (I John 4:8)

INTRO: Isn't love grand. They say, "Love makes the world go round" "Love is blind" "Everybody loves a lover" and that "You can give without love, but you can't love without giving." Some of the most sacred and precious things in life are founded and based on **Love**. First, God's love for us (I John 4:8, 16) *'God is love,'* and Second, Our giving responding to love - both God's and man's. The **Home**, Family, **Church** and **Heaven**.

I. The First Marriage - Garden of Eden - Adam & Eve (Gen. 2 & 3).

- A. God Made Man (Adam) and put him in Paradise, but alone (2:18).
- B. **God found no Help-meet** (A suitable, proper Companion (2:20).
- C. God made Woman (Eve) out of Adam's Side (2:21-22). God did not take a bone out of Adam's head or his feet (Head, that she might rule over him, nor from his feet that he might trample and enslave - but from his side that he might embrace and share with her.
- D. **Sin entered** (3:6-7) -- Satan beguiled the woman, but Adam voluntarily partook and identified himself with the woman, much like Christ Who knew no sin, yet became sin for us, that He might bring us to Himself as a chaste and pure bride.
- E. **God's Chain of Authority** (Gen. 3:16-21).
 - 1. Man, Husband, Head, "Love" - Responsible - for Providing, Protecting and Priest;
 - 2. Woman, Wife, Mother, Children and Maintain the Home;
 - 3. Children, Gift of God, Heritage of Lord, "Honor" (Eph. 6:1-2).

II. First Miracle Performed by Jesus (John 2:1-11) **Water to Wine.** What occasion would you have selected for our Lord's first miracle? Our Lord chose a **Wedding**. His presence there sanctioned & blessed the Marriage union. He supplied the **good wine** (True Joy) for the occasion.

III. A God Blessed Marriage.

- A. Marry a Christian, don't be Un-Equally Yoked (2 Cor. 6:14-18).
- B. Marry for Life (Matt. 5:31-32).
- C. Make Christ the Head of the Home (1 Cor. 11:3).

Jesus said, *'And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder'* (Matthew 19:4-6).



MAN IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Genesis Chapter 2

KEY VERSE: (Isa. 64:8b) *'We are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.'*

INTRO: Genesis 2 is a continuation and review of the 6th day of Creation. Everything here is made for **MAN**: The Sabbath for his **HOLINESS & WORSHIP**; The Garden for his **HOME**; and The Woman as his **HELP-MEET**.

I. THE 7TH DAY - THE SABBATH - REST - (vs. 1- 3).

Why did God Rest? Because He was Tired? NO! Because His Creative work was finished. This Sabbath rest of God became the basis of the Mosaic Sabbath – see (Ex. 20:11- the 4th Commandment). It is also a type of the Believer's Rest in Christ (Heb. 4:9-10), because of His Finished Redemptive Work of Calvary. (Mark 2:27)

II. REVIEW OF CREATION IN GENESIS 1 - (vs. 4 - 7).

A. *'Heaven's and the Earth,'* especially dealing with **PLANT LIFE** - (vs. 4-6):

1. God made it;
2. God watered it (Apparently, no rain fell until the Flood), and;
3. Man was to *'till the ground.'*

B. **How Man Was Made** - (v. 7) (also Gen. 1:27).

1. Man was formed by the **HAND OF GOD** - Like a **POTTER** forms a **VESSEL** out of **CLAY (DUST)** (Isa. 64:8).

2. Man was **CREATED** in the **'IMAGE'** and **'LIKENESS'** of God. This is found in his TRI-UNITY (I Thess. 5:23). Note the order of these 3 parts:

BODY - World Conscious = Accepts only what comes through 5 senses.

SOUL -. Self Conscious = See Luke 12:17-19.

SPIRIT - God Conscious _ See I Cor. 2:10-14.

NOTE: One is **OUT-WARD**, another is **IN-WARD**, and the other is **GOD-WARD**.

III. THE GARDEN OF EDEN - (vs. 8-15).

A. The Garden of Eden Prepared & Provided For Un-Fallen Man - (vs. 8-9).

Planted by God, Ideal environment, Everything supplied by God.

B. The Garden of Eden's Location (vs. 10-14).

IV. MAN'S TESTING IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN - (vs. 16-17).

Man is a responsible being possessed with the power of choice. This law of God was necessary: (1) It gave God His place as Supreme; (2) It gave man his place as a free moral agent responsible to God. Perfect government rests on Perfect Obedience to Perfect Law. There was only ONE LAW; yet, man hasn't kept any of God's Laws. The Penalty for Disobedience was DEATH - - - Immediate SPIRITUAL DEATH (Matt. 8:22 & Eph. 2: 1-5) and the process of PHYSICAL DEATH which set in and was realized in time (Rom. 5:12, & I Cor. 15:21-22).

V. WOMAN - ADAM'S HELP-MEET - (vs. 18-25).

A. The Search For A Companion For Adam - (vs. 18-20). Before God creates Eve, He causes all the animals to pass before Adam first to show the difference between even the highest of animals and Humans. Man is different. 1. (v. 18) A Help-Meet is promised (God will provide). 2. (v. 19) All the Animals named (Adam is a highly intelligent being). 3: (v. 20) None found suitable for Man's need.

B. The Woman Created - (vs. 21-22). Refined product, Rib, Side, Near Heart, Arm.

C. Marriage Instituted - EVE, A Type of the CHURCH - (vs. 23-25).



THE FALL OF MAN

Genesis Chapter 3

KEY VERSE: (Rom. 5:12) *'Wherefore, as by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.'*

INTRO: Here in Genesis Chapter 3 is the beginning of a 6,000 year old story of sin in the human family. Here is God's explanation of our **FALLEN** condition and our **PRESENT NEED**. Also, here we are introduced to the Devil and his ways.

I. EVE TEMPTED BY SATAN THROUGH THE SERPENT - (vs. 1-5).

(Rev. 12:9; 20:2; II Cor. 11:3; John 8:44; I John 3:8; I Tim. 2:14)

A. Brief Sketch of Satan's History.

1. His Creation (Eze. 28:13).
2. His Rebellion (Isa. 14:13-14).
3. His Fall (Isa. 14:12).
4. His Present Sphere (Eph. 6:11-12 & II Cor. 4:4).
5. His Final Doom (Rev. 20).

B. The Temptation - (Satan's tactics are the same today).

1. Satan Questions God's Word - - *'Yea, hath God said'* ?Question Mark?
He caused her (and us) to doubt God's Word.
2. Satan Denies God's Word - - *'Ye shall not surely die:..'*
The "No Judgment - - No Punishment - - No Hell" theory of Modernists.
3. Satan Substitutes His Own Teaching - - *'Ye shall be as gods.'* (Elohim)

C. Eve's Mistakes or Mis-Quotations of God's Word.

1. She adds to Word of God - (v. 3) - *'neither shall ye touch it,..'* (see Gen. 2:17).
2. She subtracts from God's Word - (v. 2) - *'we may eat..'* **'Freely'** left out.
3. She changes Word of God - (v. 3) - *'Lest ye die'* (see Gen. 2:17).

NOTE: Read God's warning for those that **Add To or Take From** His Word - (Rev. 22:18-19).

II. THE FALL - When Man (Woman) became SELF-SEEKING, SELF-CENTERED, SELF-WILLED - He DISOBEYED, SINNED & FELL - (6-7).

A. 3-Fold Temptation - (I Jn. 2:16) *'the lust of the flesh, & the lust of the eyes, & the pride of life.'*

1. Lust of the Eye - - *'Saw'* --- *'pleasant to the eyes'* (v. 6).
2. Lust of the Flesh - - *'Good for food.'*
3. Pride of Life - - *'Desired to make one wise.'*

NOTE: Same old story (See Josh. 7:21 - Achan; II Sam. 11:24 - David & Jesus Christ (Luke 4:3-13).

B. The Sabbath Rest Broken.

1. Opened Eyes (Saw Themselves).
2. Self-Covering (Self Righteousness) (Isa. 64:6).
3. Separation (v. 8) Hid themselves.
4. Fear (Afraid) (v. 10).
5. Excuses (Tried to avoid personal responsibility).

III. GOD'S APPEARANCE & JUDGMENT ON SIN IS FOUR-FOLD - (vs. 8-19):

- A. **The Serpent** - (vs. 14-15) (Satan's Instrument) is Cursed & also **SATAN** (v. 15). First Promise of a Redeemer.
- B. **The Woman** - (v. 16) (Two things: (1) Children (2) Subjection to husband).
- C. **The Man** - (vs. 17-19) (Labor, Sweat & Death).
- D. **The Earth** - (vs. 17-18) (Cursed, thorns, bugs & thistles).

IV. GOD'S GRACIOUS PROVISION for FALLEN MAN - (vs. 20-24) (Name 3 Deaths mentioned).



CAIN AND ABEL

Genesis Chapter 4

KEY VERSE: (Hebrews 11:4) *'By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain by which he obtained witness that he was righteous...'*

INTRO: In our study of Chapter 4, there are two points of emphasis we need to make:

First, note in Chapter 3 we saw SIN entering the world through unbelief and disobedience to God's Word. Now in this chapter we begin to see the consequences of that sin. One of the great lies of the subtle one is that you can "sin and get away with it," but how opposite the truth! Secondly, note in Chapter 4, the contrast between man's way and God's way to righteousness. Man wants to be religious and approach God with his own works (self-righteousness) but God's way is through faith in a sacrifice.

I. CAIN AND ABEL - (vs. 1-5).

A. Their Birth (vs. 1-2).

B. Their Occupations (v. 2).

C. Their Offerings (vs. 3-4).

1. Cain's Offering (v. 3) - *'The fruit of the ground.'*

a. His offering ignored what God said in Genesis 3:17 - *'Cursed is the ground.'*

b. His offering represented man's labor, and even though it was his BEST, it was still only SELF-righteousness ...sincerity alone is not acceptable to God.

c. His offering was a bloodless one - Heb. 9:22 - *'without shedding of blood is no remission'* (Also see Lev. 17:11).

2. Abel's Offering (v. 4) - *'the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof.'*

a. His offering was *'more excellent'* (Heb. 11:4) - Abel was not more excellent, but **his offering** was!

b. His offering was a blood sacrifice offered by faith.

NOTE: There was a time for offering - *'in process of time.'*

* There was a place for offering - *'BROUGHT unto the Lord.'*

* There was a type of offering - *'The Lord had respect unto Abel and his offering.'*

Question: Where did Cain and Abel learn of these things?

II. CAIN AND GOD (vs. 5-15).

A. Cain's Offering Rejected (vs. 5-7).

1. Cain's Condition (v. 5) - his true heart condition was manifested in his response to God's rejection - ANGER!

2. Cain Warned (vs. 6-7) - Although God rejected the offering, Cain was given opportunity *'If thou doest well...'* for repentance and a right offering.



CAIN AND ABEL

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B. Cain's Sin (v. 8) - the seeds of anger, jealousy, and hatred produced the **first murder** when Cain slew his brother Abel.

C. Cain's Punishment. (vs. 11-15) - "The Curse of Cain."

1. Cain's occupation was taken from him (vs. 11-12).
2. Cain would be a fugitive and a vagabond for the rest of his life (v. 12).
 - a. *'fugitive'* - resorting to flight, fleeing.
 - b. *'vagabond'* - wanderer, irresponsible or lazy person without the means of honest livelihood.
3. The consequence of sin is real and terrible (vs. 13-14).
4. Cain receives a mark from God (v. 15).

III. CAIN'S FUTURE - (vs. 16-18).

- A. The Land of Nod - is the land of "Wandering" (v. 16).
- B. Cain's Descendents (vs. 17-18).

IV. LAMECH'S FAMILY - (vs. 19-29).

- A. The First "Bigamist" Of The Bible (v. 19) - God's plan is still Gen. 2:24.
- B. The Sons and Daughters of Lamech (vs. 20-22).

V. THE BIRTH OF SETH - (vs. 25-26).

- A. Seth, (v. 25) "The substituted one."
- B. Enos, (v. 26) the son of Seth, *'Then began men to call upon the name of the Lord.'*

CONCLUSION: Before we criticize Cain, let us examine our own "offering" the best we have to offer - our own works - are insufficient! The only acceptable sacrifice of shed blood - the perfect sacrifice - is Jesus Christ! We must be as Abel who *'Obtained witness that he was righteous'* by faith in a *'more excellent sacrifice.'* **Jesus Christ is the only and all sufficient sacrifice!**



FROM ADAM TO NOAH

Genesis Chapter Five

KEY VERSE: (Hebrews 9:27) *'And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.'*

INTRO: "Genealogies" are often considered "unimportant facts," and yet this 5th. Chapter of Genesis is one of the most important chapters in our Genesis study. It records the connecting link between Adam and Noah (and on down to Jesus Christ - see Luke 3). This is the **spiritual seed** by which God is going to give the world a Saviour. The family of Seth, the **heavenly race**, is not always consistent or victorious, but is **useable**.

Cain's seed produced **power, wealth and luxury; but Seth's seed gave the Saviour**. Notice about this genealogy, in chapter five: (1) It was '*Honorable*'; the Lord descending from it; (2) Neither Cain nor Abel had any part in it. Why? Abel could not (slain) and Cain (by sin) should not; (3) This honor shown Seth was of **Grace**, because he was born with the **corrupt** image of his Father, Adam. **Grace** was the difference to Seth and his seed; and (4) Seth reckoned as Firstborn because Abel was dead and Cain forfeited his birthright.

Also notice that in the history of Cain nothing is said about dying while in the genealogy of Seth it is **written eight times** '*he died.*' Why? God keeps a close record of his own seed. This is not a chapter of **death**, but rather a **chapter of LIFE!**

I. THE TEN GENERATIONS FROM ADAM TO NOAH - (vs. 5:1-32).

- A. (vs. 1-5) **ADAM** - was 130 years old when Seth was born - (v. 3). Lived 930 years - (v. 5) and '*He died.*'
Adam lived 243 years after the birth of Methuselah and 56 years after birth of Lamech, just 126 years before Noah was born.
- B. (vs. 6-8) **SETH** - was 105 years old when Enos was born - (v. 6). Lived 912 years - (v. 8) and '*He died.*'
- C. (vs. 9-11) **ENOS** - was 90 years old when Cainan was born - (v. 9). Lived 905 years - (v. 11) and '*He died.*'
- D. (vs. 12-14) **CAINAN** - was 70 yrs. old when Mahalaleel was born - (v. 12). Lived 910 years - (v. 14) and '*He died.*'
- E. (vs. 15-17) **MAHALALEEL** - was 65 years old when Jared was born - (v. 15). Lived 895 years - (v. 17) and '*He died.*'
- F. (vs. 18-20) **JARED** - was 162 years old when Enoch was born - (v. 18). Lived 962 years - (v. 20) and '*He died.*'
- G. (vs. 21-24) **ENOCK** - was 65 years old when Methuselah was born - (v. 21). Lived 365 years - (v. 23) & '*He was not, for God took him.*' - (v. 24).
- H. (vs. 25-27) **METHUSELAH** - was 187 years old when Lamech was born - (v. 25). Lived 969 years - (v. 27) & '*He died.*' (Notice he died the very same year as the flood)!
- I. (vs. 28-31) **LAMECH** - was 182 years old when Noah was born - (v. 28). Lived 777 years - (v. 31) and '*He died.*'



FROM ADAM TO NOAH

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II. OUTSTANDING MEN OF THIS CHAPTER

A. ENOCH - (vs. 18-24). (Note four statements the Bible makes of Enoch).

1. *'Enoch walked with God'*- (Genesis 5:24).

Before the Fall God walked with man. Apparently, Enoch was "Saved" when Methuselah was born (at age 65). Enoch did not live a life of **isolation** but of **separation**.

2. *'And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousand of His saints'* (Jude 14).
3. *'By faith Enoch was translated ...for before his translation he had this testimony that he pleased God'* (Hebrews 11:5). Enoch pleased God by Faith. By faith he preached the second coming of Christ, **even before His first coming!**
4. *'And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him'* (Gen. 5:24). Enoch is one of two men who got to heaven without dying physically - (For the other, see II Kings 2:11).

B. METHUSELAH - (vs. 22-27) - "When I die, the Judgment."

1. Is it no wonder that Enoch walked close and with God? He knew that God could not lie and that in the naming of his son, he was prophesying the coming judgement (in the flood).
2. The fact that Methuselah lived longer than any other man is a picture of God's **long suffering** and **abundant mercy** toward man.

C. NOAH - (vs. 28-32) - the Son of "Rest or Comfort."

1. A man, in the midst of a sinful world, who found **grace** in the eyes of God.
2. A man, never having seen a flood or rain, obeyed God and, by faith, built an ark.

CONCLUSION: Chapter four ends with the Son of Seth, Enos *'Then began men to call upon the name of the Lord.'* Chapter five ends with Noah, the continued line of Adam, Seth, Enos, etc. A man who *'Found grace in the eyes of the Lord.'* (Gen. 6:8).

What a blessing a Spiritual Heritage is!



NOAH & THE ARK OR SAVED BY GRACE

Genesis Chapter 6

KEY VERSE: (Genesis 6:8) *'But Noah found GRACE in the eyes of the Lord.'*

INTRO: Satan never gives up. He tried to destroy Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, he tried to defeat God's purpose in causing Cain to slay Abel, but God raised up another seed (Seth) instead of Abel. Now Satan tries to accomplish his purpose by corrupting the Seed of the Woman. Of all the people left, only **Noah** is perfect in his generations (v. 9).

I. THE REASON FOR THE FLOOD (The Unholy Union) – (vs. 1-7).

A. Christians Unequally Yoked Together with the Unsaved.

(II Cor. 6:14) *'Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?'*

B. The Children Born from this Unscriptural Union:

1. Giants (v. 4) - monstrosities, Frankensteins....
2. Mighty Men - heroes, and boy, do we have them today!
3. Men of Renown - famous in the eyes of the world.

C. Wickedness on Every Hand Apparently in Surfeiting, Drunkenness, Violation of Marriage Vows, Sex and Extreme Violence – (see v. 11).

D. Men's Hearts Were: Cold, Hard, Evil, Lustful, Deliberate ...continually.

E. God's Broken Heart – (v. 6). Wouldn't it grieve you to see something you had put your best into being marred and ruined?

NOTE: God's Warning: (1) Holy Spirit (actually struggling with sinners) (2) A long Sermon (120 years); (3) A Righteous Message (II Peter 2:5 Noah, a preacher of Righteousness); (4) It was an **illustrated sermon**, they could see it, every day.

II. NOAH, ALONE FINDS GRACE IN EYES OF GOD – (vs. 8-13). Note how Hebrews 11:7 begins and ends with *'By Faith'* -- **only faith** believes God and His Word about Sin and the Judgment of this World and about the **One Way of Escape**. Salvation is never revealed to **Sight, Reason nor Strength**.

Note SEVEN Things About Noah's Faith:

1. The Ground of Faith - *'warned of God.'*
2. The Realm of Faith - *'things not seen.'*
3. The Exercise of Faith - *'he feared.'*
4. The Work of Faith - *'He prepared an Ark.'*
5. The Result of Faith - *'saved his house (Family).'*
6. The Testimony of Faith - *'Condemned the World.'*
7. The Reward of Faith - *'became Heir of righteousness.'*

III. THE ARK -- GOD'S PROVISION FOR DELIVERANCE – (vs. 14-22).

A. Description of the Ark – (v. 14-16).

(All of our modern-day Ocean vessels are patterned after the dimensions of the Ark.)

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| 1. Made of Gopher Wood. | 5. Width - 50 cubits or 75 feet. |
| 2. Rooms or compartments. | 6. Height - 30 cubits or 45 feet. |
| 3. Pitched (Tarred – same word as atonement) | 7. A Window in the Top. |
| 4. Length - 300 cubits or 450 feet. | 8. One Door in the Side. |

B. Death of all Flesh by the Flood of Waters (Judgment Flood) – (v. 17).

C. Those Inside the Ark to be Spared (Man and Beast) – (vs. 18-21).

D. Noah's Obedience – (v. 22).



THE FLOOD

Genesis Chapter 7

KEY VERSE: (Genesis 7:16b) '*...And the LORD shut him in.*'

INTRO: The Spirit's work of striving is now over. The Ark is finished and now stands as an ominous threat of God's Promised Judgment. Men have persisted in their sins even down to the very day that Noah enters the Ark (Matt. 24:38-39). Sinner's hearts have become harder, their necks stiffer & their conscience is seared. Noah alone finds Grace in the eyes of the Lord & is declared Righteous (7:1).

NOTICE THE TIME DIVISIONS IN GENESIS 7:

I. THE LAST WEEK BEFORE THE FLOOD – (vs. 1-6).

A. God's Final Invitation to Enter the Ark – (v. 1).

Salvation is first an Individual matter and then it becomes a **Family Matter** - (See Acts 16:31 '*...and thy house [household or family] also.*') Noah not only walked with God, but even more important, God talked to him - they communicated.

B. God's Special Instructions Concerning Animals – (vs. 2-3).

1. The Clean Animals - by Sevens - Male and HIS Female.

2. The Unclean Animals - by Twos - Male and HIS Female.

NOTE: I can easily understand the CLEAN but the UNCLEAN - that's pure **grace**.

Can you suggest some of the UNCLEAN that are safe?

C. Noah's Complete Obedience – (v. 5).

D. Noah's Age at the Time of the Flood - v. 6 - 600 years.

(See Genesis 5:32; 7:11; 8:14 and 9:29)

II. THE DAY OF THE FLOOD – (vs. 7-10) - or the Day Noah Enters the Ark.

This procession of animals, fowls and birds along with the 8 people entering the Ark must have been a strange sight. They came 2 X 2, the Male and **HIS** Female unto Noah (6:20) to enter the Ark. The lofty EAGLE had to come to the same place and enter the same DOOR (a type of Christ) as the lowliest animal (Snail). The prettiest, the ugliest, the biggest as well as the smallest, the fastest and the slowestall to the **same** door. There is only one door of salvation, **Jesus Christ!**

III. THE 40 DAYS OF RAIN, THE DEEP BROKEN UP – (vs. 11-17).

A. Exact Year, Month and Day of the Flood's Beginning – (v. 11).

(See Genesis 8:14 - Noah was in the Ark one year and 10 days)

B. The Exact Length of the Rains and Upheaval – (vs. 12, 17) - 40 days.

Can you name some other 40 day periods in the Bible?

C. The Exact Persons Saved – (v. 13) - Noah, his three Sons and each his wife. Only a total of **eight** persons (see I Peter 3:20).

D. Divine Security – (v. 16) '*And the Lord shut him in.*' The Same door that shuts Noah in also shuts the **world out** (Rev. 3:7, 20).

IV. FOR 150 DAYS THE WATERS PREVAIL UPON THE EARTH – (vs. 18-24).



AND TOOK THEM ALL AWAY

Gen. 7:21; Matt. 24:37-38; Luke 17:17-20

KEY VERSE: (Gen. 7:21) *'And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man.'*

INTRO:

I. NO EXCEPTION – Flood came and took the ALL away.

A. WEALTHY – Gold, Silver, Houses, Land, Conveniences, Luxuries, Servants. The flood came and took them all away. Not one rich man escaped the flood. Couldn't buy life or purchase life with all his riches.

B. Extremely POOR – Worked hard for what he had to keep body and soul together – Oh! The Hardships – struggles – problems – but for all of these was not spared. The POOR MAN outside the Ark perished just like the rich man.

- The flood had no pity on his poverty, his rags.

- The flood came and swept them all away.

We read about the Rich Man in Hell, but POOR people are there too!

C. LEARNED – EDUCATED – WISE MEN.

- Astrologers – who searched the heavens.

- Scientists – who search with Microscope, Test Tube.

- Astronauts – Moon.

- Specialists – Open Heart – Transplants, etc.

- Computer Experts – Internet Whiz's.

Knowledge is no life preserver,

Education is no life-boat.

Down, down, down they go,

You can hear the gurgle.

D. UNLEARNED – Ignorant.....they also perished!

See! It wasn't knowledge that spared...

Only a special kind of Knowledge.....

Heart Knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ!

E. RELIGIOUS – *'Form of Godliness'* – Modernists, Liberals...

They have religion....Even Cain had religion!



AND TOOK THEM ALL AWAY

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- F. IR-RELIGIOUS – Profane, Degenerates, Immoral.
- G. OLD PEOPLE – Some of the Oldest People who ever lived – yet they died.
- H. FRIENDS, FOES – All perished.
- I. STRONG and WEAK.

II. ALL DOING THE SAME THING – ‘...in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,’ (Matt. 24:38).

The Same Today! Concerned about Today – not Tomorrow!

A. UNIVERSAL INDIFFERENCE about their souls.

Oh! How earnest we are about this life – this body!

- If we think we are drowning – grasp, struggle, cry for help.
- If we think we are dying – Doctor, Hospital, etc.
- If we think we are in danger of fire – seek escape.

What strange madness!

Men indifferent to their souls, their eternal destiny, go to sleep each night not knowing if they will wake up!

B. UNIVERSAL UNBELIEF.

Seems strange that not a one of those people believed Noah!

- He was the most honest man among them.
- He preached with sincerity and power, but not one believed him.
- They universally rejected him.

C. UNIVERSAL WORLDLINESS.

They never prepared for the Judgment, though warned.

Too Busy! ‘*eating and drinking, marrying....*’ They were going to drown the next day!!

If they had only known....they would have hated those things.

III. ALL IN THE ARK WERE SAFE.

Nobody fell out – accidentally perished, nor died in it.

All who went in – came out SAFE – ALL preserved.

WHO WAS SAVED? Unclean animals also.



NOAH COMING OUT OF THE ARK

Genesis Chapter 8

KEY VERSE: (Genesis 8:1a) *'And God remembered Noah...'*

INTRO: In Chapter 6, we had Noah building the Ark. In Chapter 7, Noah is entering the Ark and in Chapter 8, we have Noah coming out of the Ark. The Ark was a type of Christ and by entering the Ark Noah and his family were saved from judgment.

I. God Remembers Noah – (v. 1a).

- A. God always remembers His own. (See Gen. 19:29 – Abraham; Gen. 30:22 – Rachel; Exo. 2:24 – Covenant; and I Sam. 1:19 - Hannah).
- B. God also remembers the sins of the wicked – (Rev. 16:19).

II. God Removes the Flood Waters From The Faith – (vs. 1b-3).

- A. *'God made a wind to pass over the earth'* – (v. 1b).
 - 1. The first mention of wind in the Bible.
 - 2. The wind is one of God's Servants (see Ex. 15:10, Num. 11:31).
- B. God stopped the rain and the fountains – (v. 2).
- C. God's wrath did not continue forever (Psa. 103:9) – (v. 3).

III. The Ark – (vs. 4-14).

- A. God brings the Ark to rest on the mountains – (v. 4) - (it might have floated for months).
- B. God gave Noah visible evidence that the water had receded - *'the tops of the mountains were seen'* – (v. 5).
- C. God tested Noah's patience – (vs. 6-14).
 - 1. Noah remained in the Ark long after he saw the mountain-tops.
 - 2. Noah used ordinary means to see if was safe to leave the Ark:
 - a. The raven sent out – (v. 7);
 - b. The dove sent out twice – (vs. 8, 10);
 - c. The covering was removed and Noah could see that the earth was dry, yet he stayed in the Ark nearly two months, until God spoke to him – (v. 13). (It is always best to wait for God's timing!)

IV. God's Commission – (vs. 15-19).

- A. We go in for protection and out for service – (John 10:9).
- B. We are taken out of the world before we are sent into it – (John 17:6).

V. God is Pleased – (v. 20).

- A. Noah built an altar and offered burnt offering unto the Lord as a token of his appreciation.
 - 1. Here we have the first mention of the altar.
 - 2. It is a place where animal sacrifices were made, typical of the cross.
 - 3. It was the place where God met the sinner.
- B. The clean animals sacrificed represent Christ dying for our sins – (Heb. 9:13-14; Eph. 5:2).
- C. We do not offer up animal sacrifices but we can offer spiritual sacrifices – (Heb. 13:15-16).

VI. God's Promise – (vs. 21, 22).

- A. No more universal flood – (v. 21).
- B. The seasons of the year shall remain – (v. 22).

CONCLUSION: Noah obeyed God in building the Ark, and is a tremendous testimony of a man willing to stand alone for right. Situational ethics haven't changed God's laws - **right is still right and wrong still wrong!** Are we willing to stand for God and right, as was Noah?



A NEW BEGINNING

Genesis Chapter 9

KEY VERSE: (Gen. 9:13) *'I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.'*

INTRO: After the Judgment Storm of the Flood and the Wonderful preservation of Noah's family in the Ark, we have a **new beginning**. This **new beginning** has a strong resemblance to the **first beginning** (cf. Adam with Noah):

1. Both placed on earth which was previously judged by God.
2. Adam was made Lord of Creation -- Noah was to have Dominion.
3. Both were Blessed and told to be **fruitful, multiply and replenish**.
4. Adam placed in Garden -- Noah was a Husbandman in a Vineyard.
5. Adam sinned and fell in Garden -- Noah sinned by a Vineyard.
6. Adam and Noah's sin resulted in exposure of their nakedness.
7. In Both cases their nakedness was covered by another.
8. Both of their sins brought a terrible curse upon their descendants.
9. Both had three sons -- one of which Messiah would come.
10. Immediately after both had sinned -- **prophecy** was given:
 - (a) **Seed of Woman**,
 - (b) Outline of **Human Races**.

I. GOD'S COMMAND OR NOAH'S COMMISSION – (vs. 1-7).

A. To Replenish (Re-People) the Earth – (vs. 1-3) - (see Genesis 1:28). Permission is now given to eat meat. Before the Flood meat was not eaten (Gen. 1:29). With all the abstinence from meat before the Flood, the people were not better, but perished in unbelief. In the last days when many shall depart from the faith, one of the characteristics given will be: (I Timothy 4:3-4) *'Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God had created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving.'*

B. Divine Authority for Capital Punishment – (vs. 4-6) - (this never has been revoked)! **Blood** is a precious thing, for the **life of the flesh** is in the **blood** (see Lev. 17:11 and I Peter 1:18-19). Man is made in the **image of God** and to take man's life is to **mar God's Image**.

II. GOD'S COVENANT AND TOKEN - THE RAINBOW – (vs. 8-17).

A. The Promise – (vs. 8-11) - never to destroy earth again **by water**. The next Flood will be by **FIRE** (see II Peter 3:4-12).

B. The Sign or Token – (vs. 12-17). Name 3 things needed to make a rainbow:

1. Rain - God's Grace (God's Love) – (Eph. 3:18 and John 3:16).
2. Cloud -Our Sins, (see Isa. 44:22; 59:2 and Romans 5:20).
3. Sunshine - Lord Jesus Christ (God's Son - Sun - Mal. 4:2 & Jo 8:12).

NOTE: Both God and Man were to look at **rainbow** - (v. 16):

- (1) God looked at Rainbow for **remembrance**, while,
- (2) Man looked at it for **assurance**.

The **Rainbow** is God's Public Billboard hung in Heaven for all men to see that:

'the Grace of God that bringeth Salvation hath appeared to all men.' (Titus 2:11)



A NEW BEGINNING (Continued)

III. GOD'S CONCERN – Noah's Shame – Ham's Sin – Noah's Prophecy, Death – (v. 20-29).

Just how **sinful is man? Incurable? Total Depravity?** You would think after such a deliverance, Man would straighten up and walk right.

NOTE: Drunkenness is:

- (1) Sin Against God - Abusing His Mercy.
- (2) Sin Against Others.
- (3) Sin Against Ourselves - it robs us of:
 - a. Our Usefulness.
 - b. Our Control.
 - c. Our Decency and Sets a bad example.
 - d. Leads others into sin and other evils.

A. Noah's Shame and Ham's Sin – (v. 20-23).

1. Noah began to be an husbandman (farmer) (v. 20).
2. First Mention of Wine in Bible - (v. 21). Drink is connected with almost every sin in the Bible: Nakedness, Dancing, Murder, Adultery, etc.
3. Ham's Sin - (v. 22). He Saw and Told or SHOW AND TELL which dishonored his father - reaped what he sowed - he sinned as a son and was punished in his son! What he refused to do: '*Honor thy Father*' he was compelled to do "Honor -Serve" in his Son. ????
4. Shem and Japheth cover their father's nakedness – (v. 23).

B. The Prophetic Part of Noah's Covenant - v. 24-27.

1. Canaan (Ham) -- A servant- of servants to his brethren - (v. 25).
2. Shem (v. 26) -- Religious **Privileges** -- Blessed be the Lord God of Shem. It was through Shem that the World was to receive the Saviour. How true, for all our Spiritual Blessings (The Bible, our Saviour, our Worship and etc.) have come.???????
3. (v. 27) Japheth -- "Expansion" -- Spreads out into all the world and dwells in the tents of Shem, partakes of Shem's blessings and responsibilities.

C. Noah's Death – (v. 28-29). Lived 950 years and he died.

NOTE: Noah's Sin should be a strong warning to each of us, for he was a man who walked with God. Notice that Noah's - sin wasn't committed before the flood, but rather after the crisis and when he was king of all the Earth. The Christian is in greater moral danger when in prosperity than when in adversity; and this principle is even more true in the Spiritual realm than in the physical.

NOTE: Since neither rain and probably no clouds existed before the Flood, then clouds appearing and rain beginning to fall must have cause a great deal of fear and terror. The **rainbow** was God's Gracious Promise.



THE TOWER OF BABEL

Genesis, Chapters 10 and 11

KEY VERSE: (Psalm 2:1) *'Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?'*

INTRO: The **first step** in the course of sin since the Flood was **sensual drunkenness**; the **second step** was Ham's attitude toward his father's condition -the **Sin of Mockery**; and the **third step** is the sin of **ambition and rebellion** in building the Tower of Babel as a Monument of Sin and Folly.

GENESIS 10

Chapter 10 gives the Nations as they were divided:

- I. **HISTORY OF THE SONS OF NOAH, Shem, Ham, Japheth – (v. 1).** In fact, sons were born unto them only **after the flood**.
- II. **THE SONS OF JAPHETH - 7 Sons, 7 Grandsons – (v. 2-5).** Primarily the inhabitants of Europe.
- III. **THE SONS OF HAM - 4 Sons and 26 Grandsons – (v. 6-20).**
Primarily the inhabitants of Africa.
 - A. **Sons of Cush (Nimrod) – (v. 7-12).**
 - B. **Sons of Mizraim – (v. 13-14).**
 - C. **Sons of Canaan (No mention of Phut) – (v. 15-19).**
- IV. **THE SONS OF SHEM - 5 Sons and 21 Grandsons – (v. 21-31).** Primarily the inhabitants of Palestine (yet future).

NOTE: The **great figure** of this Chapter is **Nimrod** and the **great city** is **Babylon**. **Nimrod and his city** foreshadow the **Anti-Christ and His City**. Remember - **Nimrod descended from Ham, not Shem**.

GENESIS 11

While Chapter 10 gives the Nations as they were divided, Chapter 11:1-9 gives the **REASON** for such a division. These two chapters supply a brief History of the sons of Noah, from the time of the flood to Abraham's Call.

- I. **TOWER OF BABEL (Babylon) or THE STRUGGLE FOR POWER – (v. 1-9).**
 - A. **The Unity of Peoples in Shinar – (v. 1-2).** They journeyed from the East or literally from the Sunrise - source of light
 - B. **The First Ecumenical Attempt – (v. 3-4) - The Birth of Babylon.**
 1. Their Godless Plan - v. 4 *'Let us build us a city ...let us make us a name...'* God is left out! (see Psalm 127:1 and Psalm 10:4).
 2. Their Unscriptural Material - **bricks** for stone (Man-made, imitation) and **slime** for mortar. Isn't this same material in Modern Babylon?
 3. Their Unity without God is **slavery**, like Russia today. Where people have freedom, there will be differences.
 - C. **God's Answer to Man's Rebellion – (v. 5-7) - 'Let us go down...'** Notice that every time God comes down to Earth there is judgment. All of God's dealings with man and earth are to be realized and consummated in just **one man** - **'The Man Christ Jesus'** and not in Nimrod (the Anti-Christ). Satan's designs will also be realized in a man, **'The man of sin'** (II Thess. 2:9). Like Nimrod, the Anti-Christ will be in opposition to Christ.
 - D. **The Confusion of Languages and the People Scattered – (v. 8-9).** Until now there was only one language but now language becomes a barrier.
- II. **FROM SHEM TO ABRAHAM – (v. 10-32) - or ABRAHAM'S FAMILY TREE** - the Godly line continues through the descendents of Shem, the Messianic Line.

NOTE: Nimrod - His name means: **The Rebel** - (cf. *'Lawless one'* in II Thess. 2:8).



THE CALL OF ABRAHAM

Genesis Chapter 12

KEY VERSE: (Genesis 12:2) *'And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing.'*

INTRO: From **Adam to Abraham** we have the history of the **Human Race**; and from **Abraham to Christ** we have the history of the **Chosen Race**. Apparently, there was a delay in Haran because of Abram's Father (11:31). When Terah (Abram's father) died, then Abram fully obeyed and came into the land God ordained. Terah's name means "delay."

I. GOD'S CALL OF ABRAM – (v. 1) - (Read Acts 7:2-4).

The **Call originally** came to Abram in the **Ur of the Chaldees** (see 11:31 and Acts 7:2); it was confirmed at Shechem (12:7) and again at Bethel (13:14-17) and twice at Hebron (15:5, 18; 17:1-8). **NOTICE:**

A. The Source of This Call - God - (II Tim. 1:9; Heb. 3:1; I Cor. 1:26).

B. The Character of This Call - Separation **From** Something, **To** Something.

Cf. Believer's Call: (1) **Called Saints** (Rom. 1:7 & I Cor. 1:2); (2) **To Eternal Life** (I Tim. 6:12; John 5:24 & 10:28); (3) **To Liberty** (Gal. 5:13; Rom. 6:14; 7:4-6); (4) **To Fellowship** (I Cor. 1:9 & II Cor. 6:14-18 & I John 1:3, 6-7; 2:8; 4:17); (5) **To Suffering** (I Peter 2:1; 4:12; Romans 8:17; & Heb. 12:6); (6) **To Blessing** (I Peter 3:9; Romans 12:14 and Gal. 3:8); and (7) **To Eternal Glory** (I Peter 5:10; I Thess. 2:12 and Hebrews 2:10).

C. The Cost of This Call - Country Kindred, House (The Christian Life is worth what it costs you. Matt. 10:38-39 and Rom. 12:1-2).

D. The Compensation of This Call - 7 Blessings (see 12:2-3).

E. His Obedience to This Call - At First only Partial and Finally Full.

II. GOD'S COVENANT TO ABRAM – (vs. 2-3) - (Also 13:14-17; 15:1-7; 17:1-8).

Notice the Seven Parts to this Abrahamic Covenant:

1. God will make of Abram a great nation (see 13:14-17).
2. God will personally bless Abram (Materially, Temporally, Spiritually).
3. God will make Abram's name great.
4. God will make Abram a personal blessing to others (Gal. 3:14).
5. God will bless them that bless Abram.
6. God will curse them that curse Abram (Fulfilled in History).
7. All the families of the earth shall be blessed in Abram (Gal. 3:16).

III. ABRAM IN CANAAN – (vs. 4-9) - (see Hebrews 11:8).

A. From Haran – (vs. 4-5) - only after father's death.

B. To Canaan – (vs. 5-9) - Shechem and then Bethel.

IV. ABRAM IN EGYPT (World) -- FAILURE UNDER TESTING – (vs. 10-20).

Abram's failure here is very typical of our own failure under Testing. He turned toward the world and worldly methods instead of turning to God and trusting God to supply all his need. Abram's faith breaks down under pressure. In the Path of Faith the Christian is a blessing but a Curse otherwise. This is one of 13 Famines recorded in the Bible.



ABRAM AND LOT SEPARATE

Genesis Chapter 13

KEY VERSE: (II Cor. 5:7) *'For we walk by faith, not by sight.'*

INTRO: Abram is called the **Father of Faith**. In Chapter 12 we saw Abram's **call to Faith, Faith responding and Faith receding**. In this Chapter we see **Faith returning**. When Abram returned from Egypt to Canaan, it could almost be said that he returned to God. Egypt (always the "place of sin" and a type of "the world") is not the place for a Child of God.

I. Abram Returns from Egypt to Bethel – (vs. 1-4) (From the World to an Altar).

A. Abram Leaves the Land of Egypt at Pharaoh's Command – (v. 1).

B. Abram's Wealth – (v. 2). (Compare 12:5 w/ 12:16) (Also Hagar, see 16:1).

C. Abram comes back to Bethel – (vs. 3-4) - the Original Place of the Altar and calls on the name of the Lord (Jehovah), the Saving Name of Jesus.

II. Strife Between Abram's and Lot's Herdsmen – (vs. 5-12) - or FLESH vs. SPIRIT.

A. Riches Have Caused Much Misery/Dissention between Brethren – (vs. 5-7).

1. The Strife was due to increased wealth -- Not even the Promised Land can bear the **unequaled yoke of flesh and spirit**.

2. The Strife was between the Herdsmen and over their possessions.

3. Strife between Christians is a poor Testimony to the unsaved.

B. Lot's Fatal, Worldly Choice and Move to Sodom – (vs. 8-13).

1. Abram gives Lot first choice – (vs. 8-9). Abram forfeits his own right and gives Lot his choice. Abram's faith in God is strengthened much and he isn't really leaving the choice to Lot, but rather to God.

2. Lot's Choice (by sight) and Departure from Abram – (vs. 10-11).

a. The well-watered plains of Sodom may have been a good place to raise cattle, but a mighty poor place to raise children.

b. This is basically Lot's downfall. So far, his association with God's man has been a blessing and his separation proves a curse.

c. Lot's choice based on **sight** rather than **faith**.

d. Lot's choice was **selfish** - took the best and left the rest. Also, he took all the well watered plain.

NOTE: How did Lot know that the plain of Sodom resembled the land of Egypt? He had been there. Who took him there? Abram! Often an older Christian leads a younger one into worldly circles that give him a taste for a life in fellowship with the unsaved.

III. God Blesses Abram or The Walk of Faith Blessed – (vs. 14-18).

A. God's Promise to Abram – (vs. 14-15). (Lot's choice was limited while Abram's was in every direction: NORTH, SOUTH, EAST AND WEST).

B. Abram's Earthly Seed as the Dust of the Ground – (v. 16) – They would be IN-NUMBERABLE (see 15:5, the Stars of Heaven, the Spiritual Seed).

C. The Walk of Faith – (v. 17) – 'for I will give it unto thee.' **Future Tense...**

D. Abram Moves to Hebron and Builds an Altar unto the Lord – (v. 18).

NOTE: (1) The Best Business deal may not be so in the end. (2) The well watered plains of Jordan may imitate the good of this world -- yet, it isn't for the Christian. (3) When we allow God to choose for us, our portion is not only greater but also more secure. (4) God's Promises are sure. AMEN!



THE BATTLE OF THE KINGS

Genesis Chapter 14

KEY VERSE: (Gen. 14:20) *'And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.'*

INTRO: The last time we saw Lot (13:12) he was moving dangerously close to Sodom. This Chapter, shows us how being even dose involves us with the judgment & conflicts of the world. If we are going to run with the Devil's crowd, we can expect to suffer with them also (Psa.1). This is the first **War** mentioned in the Bible and foreshadows the last great war at the close of the Tribulation Period.

NOTE: First Mention of: War - (v. 2); Lot in Sodom - (v. 12); Melchizedek - (v. 18); Tithe - (v. 20); Hebrew - (v. 13); Amalekites - (Gen. 36:12); Salem (Jerusalem) - (v. 7).

I. THE BATTLE OF THE KINGS - (vs. 1 - 11).

This is the wicked arrayed against the wicked in the Vale of Siddim - full of slime (Tar) pits. World is full of Strife. Spirit of this world is: (1) Domination, rule, control, tax. (2) Rebellion. (3) Strife. (4) Bondage, Slavery...whole purpose of world is to subject, enslave, destroy.

A. 4 Eastern Kings:

1. Chedorlaomer (Elam=Persia)(Elam-son of Shem 11:22) - (Apparently the leader (vs. 4-5,17).
2. Tidal (King of Nations, various nomadic tribes).
3. Amraphel (King of Shinar, Babylon).
4. Arioch (King of Ellasar).

B. 5 Western Kings:

1. King of Sodom.
2. King of Gomorrah.
3. King of Admah.
4. King of Zeboiim.
5. King of Bela.

NOTE: Apparently sin had weakened and enslaved these people living in and around Sodom and Gomorrah (13:13). Though they were fighting on their own home ground and with more men, they still lost.

II. LOT CAPTURED & RESCUED (vs. 12-16).

NOTE: Lot - Nephew (Natural Relationship). Son = (Spiritual Relationship).

A. Lot Captured - (v. 12).

What happened to Sodom, also happened to Lot. Lot first **Looked** (13:14); **Chose** (13:11); **Moved** toward Sodom (13:12) and now we see him **living** there (14:12).

B. Lot Rescued - Abram to the Rescue - (vs. 13-15).

1. Abram with only 318 servants (Probably was not militarily well equipped, but well disciplined (**discipled**), trained). Key word here is *'Born in his own house'* – LOYALTY.
2. He divided his troops and attacked at night (Element of surprise).
3. His successful campaign - Abram with his small army was able to do what 5 kings couldn't. What a lesson on Discipleship!
4. Pursued them unto Dan (v. 14) even unto Hobah - (v. 15).



THE BATTLE OF THE KINGS

(Continued)

III. ABRAM RETURNS TO MEET - (vs. 17-24):

A. King of Salem - (vs. 18-20). Melchizedek - Priest of the Most High God "El-Elyon." (Salem = Peace. City of Jerusalem) -- Who:

1. Strengthened him with Bread (Body) & Wine (Spirit) - (v. 18).
2. Blessed Him of God - (v.19).
3. And Praised God for Abram's Victory - (v. 20). Gives God the Glory.
Abram --- Gave Him Tithes of All. (Spoils in Heb. 7:4).

B. King of Sodom - (vs. 17, 21-24).

1. Wants the Persons of the Men, and not the Possessions - (v. 21).
Their bodies, not the booty. Sodom is the birthplace of Sodomy.
2. Abram Refuses the Reward of the King of Sodom lest he be obligated to the King of Sodom - (vs. 22-24).

NOTE: Abram took only food for his men and gave his allies the right to choose or accept the spoils due them.

THOUGHT: "We will never have the true riches of Heaven until we are willing to pass up the rewards of this world."

NOTE: Abram won 3 Victories here: 1st -- over 4 Kings;
2nd -- over King of Sodom.
3rd -- with the King of Kings.

SOME LESSONS TO CONSIDER:

1. Difficult to Identify and/or separate the unsaved man and the Carnal Christian when they keep company. Example: Wheat/Tares
2. There is no victory for the Carnal Christian. Nothing but Defeat, Loss, Humiliation, Bondage. Example: Achan, Lot, Ananias/Saphira, Prodigal, etc.
3. There is no defeat for the Spiritual. Nothing but Victory, Blessing & Success. Battle? Yes! VICTORY? Certainly; Abraham, Joshua, Gideon, Daniel, Paul.
4. Compare Lot and his Tribesmen with Abram and his Tribesmen. Lot's failed, Abram's servants were Trained, Armed, Prepared, Equipped, Active, Progressive, Willing and Successful. (Principle of DISCIPLESHIP).

NOTE: Their Tribesmen were cause for division. (Gen. 13:7).

5. Abram (Spiritual) seeks not yea, refuses the enrichment of this world and its rulers, but seeks the blessing of God & gives tithes. Giving is far greater blessing than receiving. *'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*
6. Melchizedek, King of Salem (Jerusalem, Peace), is a type of Jesus Christ, met him afterwards, not before.
7. The Restoration of a weaker brother (Gal. 6:1) *'Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted!'*



THE COVENANT & THE VISION

Genesis Chapter 15

KEY VERSE: (Gen. 15: 6) *'he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness.'*

INTRO: *'After these things...'* After the war with the Kings and meeting with Melchizedek and the King of Sodom. Although the Lord had wrought a mighty victory with Abram and his 318 men, there was concern in Abram's heart of reprisal from the defeated armies and peoples, and possibly, from the King of Sodom. Throughout our study of this great man of God, the Patriarch of the nation of Israel, we should note the "humanity" of Abram. Abram experienced many of the problems we face today trouble with relatives, incomplete obedience, lack of faith; and in our lesson today, **fear**.

I. THE COVENANT - (vs. 1-11).

- A. A promise of protection** - (v. 1) - *'I am thy shield.'*
-also see Psalms 3:3, 33:20 and 84:11. The Lord is not only the victor in battle, but also our shield and protector day by day.
- B. A promise of reward** - (v. 1b) - *'And thy exceeding great reward.'*
 - 1. Keeping the *'statutes'* of God produces reward, Psalms 19:11.
 - 2. Abram refused the spoils of Sodom, but does not go "without."
- C. A promise of a Son** - (vs. 2-4) - *'he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.'* * Heirship is based on Sonship - see Rom. 8:16-17, and Eph. 1:5. *
- D. A promise of "uncountable" seed** - (v. 5) - *'if thou be able to number them [the stars]so shall thy seed be.'*
- E. A promise of righteousness** - (v. 6) - [see our Key Verse].
 - 1. Abram was counted **righteous by Faith** (Read carefully, Rom. Ch. 4 & Gal. Ch. 3).
 - a. Abram's faith was in the **gospel**, even though it was the **future** gospel; he looked **forward** to the **promised Christ**. Gal. 3:8.
 - b. Our faith today is in the **fulfilled** gospel. We look **back** to the **provided Christ**.
 - 2. No **work, law, or "religion"** was involved in Abram's salvation see Romans 4.
We too are saved *'by grace through faith!'*
- F. A promise of land** - (vs. 7-11) *'to give thee this land.'*

II. THE VISION - (vs. 12-21) - *'A deep sleep fell upon Abram.'*

A. A Vision of the Future - (vs. 13-16).

Notice the **unfolding of the future prophecies** concerning the seed of Abram:

- 1. *'Stranger in a land that is not theirs'* - (Egypt) - (see Exodus 1:1).
- 2. *'Shall serve them'* - (see Exodus 1:110).
- 3. *'They shall afflict them four hundred years'* - (see Exodus 12:40) - 30 years "free" in Egypt (Exo. 1:1-10) and 400 years in bondage.
- 4. *'That nation...will I judge'* - (see Exodus 6:6).
- 5. *'Shall they come out with great substance'* - (see Exodus 12:35-36).
- 6. Concerning Abram:
 - a. *'Thou shalt go to thy father's in peace.'*
 - b. *'Thou shalt be buried in a good old age'* - (see Genesis 25:8).
- 7. *'But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again'* - (see Exodus 1:1, 2:1-2, & 6:16-20). 1st Generation - Levi; 2nd - Kohath; 3rd - Amram; and 4th - Moses.

B. A Vision of the Covenant Completed - (v. 17).

ILLUST: The presence of the Lord (burning lamp) passed between the sacrifices of Abram (*'those pieces'*) signifying an unconditional, completed agreement or covenant between God and Man.

C. A Vision of the Exact Land - (vs. 18-21).

God gives Abram the "exact dimensions of the land" he is to receive.

CONCLUSION: As Abram, the Lord is our Protector, He is our right- He is our Provider. As Abram looked to the Gospel for his salvation, so do we. 430 years before the Law, salvation was by FAITH.



THE BIRTH OF ISHMAEL

Genesis Chapter 16

KEY VERSE: (John 3:6) *'That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.'*

INTRO: In Genesis 15 Abram is seen as the man of Faith, and now in Chapter 16, as the man of **unbelief**. In Chapter 15 he walks after the Spirit, but here, in 16, in the energy of the Flesh. This Chapter covers one year. Abram is 85 years old (compare v. 3 with Genesis 12:4) and Sarah is 75 years old (ten years younger, see Genesis 17:17). Verse 16 states him to be 86 years old.

I. A SAD MISTAKE or LACK OF FAITH & PATIENCE - (vs. 1-3).

- A. Sarah and Abram's Motive -- It is hard to believe that their intentions were sinful and immoral, as this was an accepted practice among heathen, etc.; yet, questionable practices are not justified to accomplish the will of God.
- B. Their Lack of Faith -- Abram, who is famous for his *faith*, teaches us by example that we should join **Fear with Patience** - (see Hebrews 6:12-15) *'For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise'* - (Heb. 10:36).
- C. Hagar (The Egyptian, vs. 1, 3) - was probably one of Pharaoh's gifts to Sarah when she was in his palace (12:16). If so, Hagar was no doubt a young, beautiful and capable woman, a fit present for a King to give to a Princess.
- D. Sarah's Suggestion and Abram's Response - Under these conditions a Slave was elevated in the household and considered as a Concubine (wife) but not equal in position to her former mistress.

II. THE SORROWFUL RESULTS or HAGAR'S SIN - (vs. 4-6).

- A. Hagar Despises Sarah and is Lifted up in Pride - (v. 4).
- B. Sarah Now Regrets Her Request and Becomes Bitter - (v. 5).
- C. Abram Fails to Accept Responsibility and Grants Sarah the complete complete Right to do with Hagar as she pleases - (v. 6a).
- D. Sarah Punishes and Humiliates Hagar until She Flees - (v. 6b).

III. HAGAR'S EXPERIENCE in the WILDERNESS or DIVINE GRACE - (vs. 7-14).

- A. The Angel of the Lord Finds Hagar by a fountain of water - (vs. 7-8).
Wonderful Illustration: of Jesus seeking and saving - (Luke 19:10)
Also compare with Jesus and the Woman at the well - (John 4).
- B. Angel of the Lord Commands Her Return and Submission - (v. 9).
- C. Angel of Lord Assures Hagar of a Blessing - (vs. 10-12).
- D. Hagar Recognizes, Worships and Obeys the Lord - (vs. 13-14).

IV. ISHMAEL IS BORN - (vs. 15-16).

And so "Ishmael's" are born, but not Isaac's.



THE COVENANT RENEWED

Genesis Chapter 17

KEY VERSE: (Num. 23:19) *'God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken and shall he not make it good?'*

INTRO: In Chapter 16 "the man of faith" becomes, with Sarai, impatient for the fulfillment of God's promise of seed and Ishamel is born by Hagar, Sarai's handmaid. Between Chapter 16 and 17 (see 16:16 and 17:1) we find thirteen "Quiet years" have passed. Thus, Abram is still waiting for God to fulfill His promise, but Abram has spent those years learning a lesson of patience....now he is ready to do it God's way!

I. ABRAM MEETS THE ALMIGHTY "*I Will*" GOD - (vs. 1-18).

A. God's Perfection - *'Be thou perfect'* - v. 1. Abram has spent 13 years **reminded** of his imperfection & impatience. God's only standard is perfection - since we can never fulfill His standard, it can only be accomplished as "He wills" in our lives.

B. God's Promises - (vs. 2-8).

1. Note the **seven 'I will's'** of these verses: (1) make my covenant between me and thee; (2) multiply thee exceedingly; (3) make thee exceeding fruitful; (4) make nations of thee; (5) establish an everlasting covenant; (6) give thee ...the land for an everlasting possession, and (7) be their God.
2. Abram's Submission - (v. 3) - *'Abram fell on his face.'*
3. Abram's Name Changed - (v. 5).

The "Father" (Abram) becomes the "father of a great multitude" (Abraham).

NOTE: The completed tense of *'have I made thee'* when God says **'I will' - it is done!**

II. THE TOKEN OF CIRCUMCISION - (vs. 9-18).

A. The Sign of the Covenant - (vs. 9-13a).

1. Every man child would carry in his *'flesh'* a reminder of the covenant between God and Abraham and his seed.
2. Circumcision would be a *'Token of the covenant'* (see v. 11) - cf. Gen. 9:17, the rainbow was another *'token of the covenant'* to God and man of the agreement between them.

B. The Seal of Circumcision - (vs. 13 b-14).

1. The Circumcised Man - *'a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also: And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.'* - (Rom. 4:11-12).
 - Circumcision didn't save Abraham, it was only a **Seal** of his salvation obtained by faith.
 - New Testament Circumcision is spiritual, in the heart, - (see Col. 2:11).
2. The Uncircumcised Man - (v. 14) - a symbol of "unrighteousness."

III. A SON PROMISED TO SARAH (vs. 15-22).

A. Sarai's Name Changed - (v. 15).

The "contentious" (Sarai) became the "princess" (Sarah).

B. Sarah Blessed with a Promise of a Son - (v. 16).

1. Abraham's "Laugh of Faith" - (v. 17) - (see Rom. 4:19-21).
 The long wait was to bring about the "death of Abraham's and Sarah's bodies" so that it would and could be the **Almighty God** who would fulfill the promise in the face of "impossible circumstances."
2. The Future Foretold - (vs. 18-21).
 - a. The Son named: Isaac - (v. 19).
 - b. Ishmael Blessed - (v. 20).
 - c. The time of Isaac's birth set - (v. 21).

IV. ABRAHAM'S OBEDIENCE (vs. 23-27).

A. Immediate Obedience - (v. 23) - *'The selfsame day.'*

B. Complete Obedience - (vs. 24-27) - *'all the men of his house... were circumcised with him.'*



A SON PROMISED TO SARAH ABRAHAM PLEADS FOR SODOM

Genesis Chapter 18

KEY VERSE: (Gen. 18:14a) *'Is anything too hard for the Lord?'*

INTRO: The thirteen year “silence” from God (between Chapters 16 and 17) is ended (Chap. 17) by God’s (1) Challenge to perfection, (2) Abraham and Sarah’s name change, (3) the re-affirmation of the promise of seed, and (4) the token of Circumcision given. Abraham’s response to the command of circumcision was immediate and complete. At the beginning of Chapter 18 (apparently, only a short time after the ending of 17) we find Abraham *‘in the plains of Mamre’* (see 13:18 also) back in complete fellowship with God.

I. THE PROMISE TO SARAH. – (vs. 1-15).

A. Abraham’s Visitors – (vs. 1-8).

1. Their Appearing – (vs. 1-2). *‘Three’* representing the **fullness** of the Godhead, although two were only angels. One, of course, was the Lord Himself.
2. Abraham’s Hospitality – (vs. 3-8). One of the qualifications for God’s men is *‘hospitality’* (see 1 Tim. 3:2 *‘A bishop must be ...given to hospitality’* - A man in fellowship with the Lord “enjoys” the Lord’s presence.

B. The Lord’s Promise to Sarah – (vs. 9-15).

1. His Promise - (vs. 9-11). *‘I will certainly return unto thee.’*

NOTE: With man the “Circumstances” made children impossible but, *‘Is anything too hard for the Lord?’*

2. Sarah’s Response – (vs. 12-15).

- a. Sarah’s laugh was from **within**, but the Lord still heard the “Laugh of Doubt.”
- b. Sarah’s problem was IDENTICAL to ours - she was looking at the “possibilities/abilities of self” rather than focusing her attention on the “I will/can God!”

II. ABRAHAM PLEADS FOR SODOM – (vs. 16-33).

A. The Lord’s Enlightenment – (vs. 16-22).

1. The Life of Abraham - (vs. 16-19). From him would come a great and mighty nation and a blessing to all nations, but we also see in vs. 19 a man of “Character” who would be an example to his family and obedient towards God.
2. The Sins of Sodom - (vs. 20-22). Their sin (19:5) was homosexuality, and was *‘Very grievous’* to the Lord.

B. Abraham’s Plea for Sodom – (vs. 23-33).

‘Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?’

1. Abraham’s plea begins at 50 and goes down to 10 - why did Abraham stop at 10?
2. The righteous are the salt of the earth - are not the “Blessings” the wicked enjoy a result of the Lord’s blessing upon the righteous of this world?

CONCLUSION: The promise made to Abraham is now made to Sarah also. Both Abraham and Sarah *‘laughed’* at the promise of God, but *‘is anything too hard for the Lord?’* We need a constant reminder that our **eyes of faith belong on the Lord**, because when we look to **self** we can only see doubt and failure. **All victory is of the Lord!**



SODOM AND GOMORRAH DESTROYED

Genesis Chapter 19

KEY VERSE: (Luke 17:32) *'Remember Lot's wife.'*

INTRO: The **judgment** of these wicked cities is typical of the **last Judgment** and the Lord's **dealings** with Lot speak of the **rapture** (Luke 17:28-30). Sodom's destruction was inevitable -- their cup of iniquity was full -- Judgment was certain -- but the outstanding thought here is not Sodom's destruction, but **Lot's Deliverance**. Abraham's rescue of Lot from the Kings should have been sufficient warning; yet, Lot moved right back into Sodom as before. Lot is a picture of thousands of Christian believers (Worldly and Carnally minded) who have settled down in the world, from which they have been separated and delivered by the death of Christ. Like Lot they will be saved *'so as by fire.'* What happened to Lot and his family is a strong warning to all Christians who live ungodly (see II Peter 2:6).

I. The **EXTREME WICKEDNESS** of the **CITIES SODOM & GOMORRAH** – (vs. 1-11).

A. The Two Men (Angels) Visit Lot in Sodom – (vs. 1-3).

1. Lot invites (insists) that the angels visit in his home (v. 1).

NOTE: Lot's Position -- Judge -- *'Sat in the gate'* – (cf. v. 9).

2. The Angel's refuse to accept Lot's hospitality - (v. 2).
3. Lot insists -- they agree -- Lot's last feast - (v. 3).

B. The Wickedness of the Men of Sodom - vs. 4-11 - see Luke 17:28-30

1. The Men of Sodom were so depraved that they were - (vs. 4-5):
 - a. Shamelessly open in their sin, and....
 - b. The Young were tragically influenced to sin, and....
 - c. Influenced every part and walk of life.
2. Lot tries to protect his visitors with compromise - (vs. 6-9); (Rom. 1:27).

NOTE: Lot calls them *'Brethren'* - (v. 7).

3. The Men of Sodom stricken with blindness by Angels - (vs. 10-11).

NOTE: This is the **2nd time** God has used **Confusion**.

II. LOT'S TESTIMONY AND INFLUENCE ARE MOCKED – (vs. 12-14).

- A. Lot Hears and Believes in the Judgment of Sodom, - (vs. 12-13).
- B. His Sons-In-Law Mock Him – (v. 14); (II Peter 3:3-4).

NOTE: Lot believed and was SAVED. His sons-in-law believed not and were destroyed.
(See John 3:18, 36)

III. SODOM AND GOMORRAH DESTROYED – (vs. 15-29) - Lot brought out.

- A. Lot Rescued by Force - still reluctant to leave – (vs. 15-22).
- B. The Lord Destroys the Cities with Fire and Brimstone – (vs. 23-25).

NOTE: Here was the Lord on earth and the Lord in heaven - (v. 24).

- C. Lot's Wife Looks Back and becomes a Pillar of Salt – (v. 26).
- D. Abraham Watches the Destruction of Sodom, etc. – (vs. 27-29).

IV. LOT'S HISTORY ENDS IN SHAME – (vs. 30-38).

NOTE: Drinking and Shame go together and here the result is the Beginning of the Moabites and Ammonites. The Christian in the world is right and necessary, but the world in the Christian is wrong and disastrous!



ABRAHAM AND ABIMELECH

Genesis Chapter 20

KEY VERSE: (Prov. 3:5) *'Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.'*

INTRO: Twenty-five years have passed since we first encountered Abram, in Chapter 12. No sooner had Abram and his kin entered into the promise land (12:5) than Abram's faith was tested by famine. In response to those circumstances, he journeyed south into Egypt. In Egypt, Abram represents his wife, because of her beauty, as his sister, in fear of his own life as her husband. Abram is "Caught in his sin" and commanded to leave Egypt. Now, 25 years later, he again journeys south and there is a reoccurrence of the old sin.

I. ABRAHAM'S CHOICE – (v. 1).

- A. Gen. 18:33b *'...and Abraham returned unto his place.'* Gen. 20:1a - *'And Abraham journeyed from thence toward the south country.'* From Hebron (18:1) toward Egypt **by Choice, not circumstances.**
- B. Abraham is an example of the **Vicious Circle**. From **Blessing & prospering to comfort and ease to carelessness and indifference to neglect and departure.** The next step will be judgment, troubles and trials.

II. ABRAHAM'S DECEIT – (v. 2).

NOTE: The apparent "Fairness" of Sarah, even at the age of 90. What inner and outer beauty must have radiated from Sarah.

- A. Abraham *'She is my sister'* (Sarah) – (see 12:11-13) **"an old sin."**
- B. Isaac *'She is my sister'* (Rebekah) – (see 26:7) **"A sowing sin."**
- C. *'And Abram went out of Egypt'* – (see 13:1) **"an undealt with sin."**

III. GOD REPROVES ABIMELECH – (vs. 3-7) - *'God came to Abimelech in a dream by night.'*

- A. God is not limited in His power to work out His will & purpose even among heathen kings. (see Prov. 21:1)
- B. God can interfere in your sin - Abraham is about to be chastened for his sin by the Lord **through** King Abimelech. (see Prov. 2:11-12)
- C. God told Abimelech *'He is my prophet'* (v. 7) - even in his sin God saw Abraham's "potential" rather than his sin.

IV. ABIMELECH REPROVES ABRAHAM – (vs. 9-10).

- A. God can use and will use a Rooster (for Peter), a Donkey, (for Balaam), a Nathan (for David) or a Heathen King to reprove his children.
- B. Abraham is reproved by the **Word of God** through Abimelech - what a shame when the "world" has to reprove a Christian for his **unchristian conduct!**

V. ABRAHAM'S EXCUSE – (vs. 11-13).

- A. Someone has define an excuse as **the skin of reason stuffed with a lie** -what Abraham said about Sarah *'she is my sister'* was the **truth...**
- B. **but** Abraham's **intent** in telling the truth was **to deceive**. Abraham's mouth spoke truth, but Abraham's heart spoke deceit.

VI. ABRAHAM'S REWARD – (vs. 14-16).

God is not only able to protect us (from our own sin, at times), but to bring us into favor with those in authority (see Rom. 13:1-3).

VII. ABRAHAM'S PRAYER - ABIMELECH'S REWARD – (vs. 17-18).

- A. Abraham's Prayer was probably: **confession** for the 25 year old sin (12:11-13) which, here is finally dealt with, & **Intercession** for the needs of Abimelech, his family & people
- B. This is the first mention of **healing** in the Bible (v. 17).

CONCLUSION: Sin has it's consequences. God's Word (Gal. 6:7-9) tells us *'whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.'* **Sin, undealt with, has its reaping day.** Isaac had not been born in Chapter 12 or Chapter 20 when Abraham commits this same sin, 25 years apart. Yet, we find in Chapter 26 (v. 71) Isaac committing the **EXACT SIN:** *'She is my sister.'* We do reap, as surely as we sow!



ISAAC AND ISHMAEL

Genesis Chapter 21

KEY VERSE: (Gal. 4:29) *'But as then he that was born after the flesh (Ishmael) persecuted him that was born after the Spirit (Isaac), even so it is now.'*

INTRO: The Birth of Isaac is the second great step in fulfilling God's plan in Abraham's life. The first step was to get Abraham out of his old country and into the land where God could bless him and now the second step is to give him a seed (son) to fulfill His promise of making Abraham great as the Sand (Earthly seed) and as the Stars (Spiritual Seed). Some 25 years has now passed since Abraham had left the Ur of the Chaldees and all this time he had no son to carry on. He's getting too old now to have a son so he tries to substitute his Chief Servant's son (Gen. 15:2-3) but God promises that he will have his very own son (15:4). He then listens to Sarah and has a son by Hagar (Ishmael) and offers him to fulfill God's purpose, but God again promises that he will have a SON by Sarah for Gods to fulfill His plans (Gen. 17:18-19).

I. THE MIRACLE BIRTH OF ISAAC – (vs. 1-8).

A. Isaac Is Born of Sarah According to Promise – (vs. 1-3).

1. NOTICE the number of times the '**Lord**' is mentioned here. *'Lord visited Sarah' 'as He said' 'Lord did unto Sarah' 'As He had spoken.'* *'At set time as God had spoken to him.'*
2. NOTICE: Sarah is mentioned four times. The Holy Spirit is emphasizing that Sarah was really the mother of this Miracle Child.
3. NOTICE: (v. 2) *'At the Set Time'* (Right Time, Appointed Time or in the Fullness of Time -- see Gal. 4:4).

B. Isaac Circumcised the 8th Day as Commanded of God – (v. 4).

C. Abraham's and Sarah's Ages at Isaac's Birth – (vs. 5-7).

Literally, Abraham and Sarah were humanly speaking too old to have a child and they knew it; so they honestly could take no credit, but must give God all the Glory. The name Isaac means "Laughter." Sarah's first daughter (Gen. 18:12) was that of Skepticism but now her Laughter is that of "Joy" to all who hear and believe.

D. Special Day of Recognition – (v. 8) - (Child grew, weaned and great feast).

II. HAGAR AND HER SON ISHMAEL ARE CAST OUT – (vs. 9-21).

The Birth and youth of Isaac bring out the **True Character of Hagar and Ishmael**. Ishmael hated Isaac and so did his mother. Prompted by Hagar, Ishmael sought to Mock (Persecute) Isaac (Gal. 4:29). The birth of Isaac which filled Sarah's heart with Mirth, filled Hagar's heart with murder. Isaac's birth brought **Joy** to Sarah but **Jealousy** to Hagar.

A. Ishmael Mocking – (v. 9) (Ridiculing, Persecuted - Gal. 4:29).

Rejecting *'That which is born after the Spirit.'*

B. Sarah's Request to Cast Out the Bondwoman and Her Son – (v. 10).

If the force of the word "Persecuted" means intent to Destroy or Murder then really they deserved DEATH but instead they were BANISHED.

C. Abraham's Grief - v. 11 - Not for Hagar, but for his son, Ishmael.

D. God's Promise to Take Care of Ishmael – (vs. 12-13).

E. Hagar & Ishmael Cast Out Into the Wilderness – (v. 14).

III. ABRAHAM AT BEER-SHEBA & HIS COVENANT with ABIMELECH – (vs. 22-34).



ABRAHAM AND ISAAC

Genesis Chapter 22

KEY VERSE: (Romans 4:20) *'He (Abraham) staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God.'*

INTRO: This is **Abraham's Greatest Hour**. The supreme test of faith in all his life and it involved the **one possession that he loved most**. Also, note that this test came after a long life of Faith and not at the beginning; in fact, this test came after nine (9) other tests in his life. Is it possible that our greatest test is yet to come?

I. THE TRIAL OF FAITH – (vs. 1-2).

A. The Purpose of the Trial – (v. 1).

(Read: James 1:12-13; I Peter 1:7; I Peter 4:12; I Cor. 10:13) God does not tempt us to sin or evil but God does test the reality of our **Faith, Obedience and Love**. Can you name someone else so tested?

B. The Nature of the Trial – (v. 2).

Every word is almost like a sharp knife cutting into Abraham's heart: *'Take **now**'* there can be no **delay** or **hesitation**; *'Thy son'* (which one?); *'Thine **only** son Isaac'* (Ishmael is now departed and there's only one left); *'and get thee into the land of Moriah'* (The very place Jerusalem was built - also Calvary – see II Chron. 3:1); *'Offer him there for a burnt offering'* (total Sacrifice).

II. THE OBEDIENCE OF FAITH – (vs. 3-10).

A. Prompt Response in Obedience – (v. 3b) - (No Hesitation).

Based on implicit, unreasoning and unquestioning belief in God's wisdom, power and love (Heb. 11:17:19 and Romans 4).

NOTE: (1) *'Third day's journey'* speaks of **resurrection** and (2) *'I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and (I and the lad) will come again to you.'* Such Faith! He believed God could and would raise Isaac from the dead (see Hebrews 11:1).

B. Isaac's Question – (v. 7) – *'Where is the LAMB?'*

1. The FIRE - typical of God's wrath against sin (Heb. 12:2).
2. The WOOD - Christ bore His own CROSS (Wood) up to Calvary.
3. The LAMB – *'Where is the Lamb?'* This is the great question of the O.T. It was unanswered until John the Baptist (see John 1:29; I Pet. 1:18 & Rev. 5:6).

C. The Answer – (v. 8).

1. *'GOD'* is the Author of Salvation (II Cor. 5:18).
2. *'WILL PROVIDE'* – (Isa. 59:16).
3. *'HIMSELF A LAMB'* - God Himself WAS the Lamb (II Cor. 5:19).

D. Isaac's Unresisting Surrender – (vs. 9-10).

Isaac could easily have run away or resisted, but was obedient to his Father's Will (see Phil. 2:8 and Isa. 53:7).

III. THE REWARD OF FAITH – (vs. 11-19).

A. The Call – (vs. 11-12) - name others whom God called with a repeated name.....

B. The Substitute – (v. 13) - God didn't spare His own Son at Calvary.

C. The Place Named – (v. 14) – *'Jehovah Jireh'* – "The Lord will provide."

D. The Commendation or Covenant Renewed – (vs. 15-19).



A BRIDE FOR ISAAC

Genesis Chapter 24

KEY VERSE: (Eph. 5:32) *'This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the Church.'*

INTRO: This is one of the most beautiful stories in the Bible of a father's concern in selecting a bride for his beloved son. It is given in great detail because it is so **rich with spiritual truths**. Never has there been so great a decline in parental authority and leadership as there is in these days. Abraham, cherishing the promises, takes early steps to obtain from the family of Shem (Family of Faith) a wife for his son.

NOTE: The key to Spiritually understanding this chapter is: (1) Abraham is a type of God the Father; (2) The Un-named Servant is a type of the Holy Spirit; (3) Isaac is a type of Christ - (Resurrected); (4) Rebekah, the Bride, is a type of the Church.

I. THE FATHER SENDS THE SERVANT FOR A BRIDE – (vs. 1-9).

- A. **His Charge** - (vs. 1-4). Bride must not be a Canaanite (Unbeliever) but of his own kindred - (see II Cor. 6:14-18 & John 17:13-16).
- B. **His Commission** - (vs. 5-6). The son must not go back into the land, but the bride must come to the Son.
- C. **His Confidence** - (v. 7). Based on God's Promises.
- D. **His Covenant** - (vs. 8-9). His hand under the thigh was a sacred promise.

II. THE SERVANT'S SEARCH FOR A BRIDE FOR ISAAC – (vs. 10-49).

The Servant (a type of the Holy Spirit) goes forth to take a bride for the Son. Isaac having been raised from the dead, in type (Heb. 11:19), abides in the Father's house.

- A. **The Preparation** – (v. 10). The Servant Takes proof of Isaac's Person, Sincerity and Desirability and journeys to Nahor (500 miles).
- B. **The Prayer** – (vs. 11-14). Seeks Divine Guidance.
- C. **The Answer** – (vs. 15-16). Notice last part of verse 27: *'I being in the way, the Lord led me.'* Here is a great principle in guidance.
- D. **The Test** – (vs. 17-26). Water for himself and his camels and lodging.
- E. **The Message** – (vs. 27-49). The Servant does not speak of himself, he seeks only to speak of the **riches and glory** of His Master and His Son.
 - 1. Its Urgency – (v. 33) – (see II Cor. 6:2).
 - 2. Its Theme – (v. 34). The Greatness of the Father and His Son.
 - 3. Its Proof or Earnest (Samples) – (v. 22, 53). The Servant bestows gifts upon Rebekah as proof of the greatness, love and wealth of His Master's Son. Christ has also proven His love to us today. Amen!

III. REBEKAH'S CHOICE or THE BRIDE WAS WILLING TO GO.

- A. **She Heard the Message** – (v. 51) – (see Rom. 10:8-17; John 5:24).
- B. **She Believed the Message** – (v. 58). Rebekah fell in love with a man she had never seen.
- C. **She was Willing to Go Without Delay** – (v. 58). Her family might have detained her, but the servant said - (v. 56) - *'Hinder me not'* (II Cor. 6:2).

IV. ISAAC RECEIVES HIS BRIDE – (vs. 61-67). Even so, Christ (I Thess. 4).



DEATH OF ABRAHAM ESAU SELLS HIS BIRTHRIGHT

Genesis Chapter 25

KEY VERSE: (Hebrews 11:13) *'These all died (Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham) in faith, not having received the promise, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.'*

INTRO: Chapter 23 told of the death and burial of Sarah, and now, in Chapter 24, the death of Abraham, who will be buried with Sarah. Abraham, *'by faith he sojourned in the land of promise'* (Heb. 11:9a) and now at the age of 175, the promise of Genesis 15:15 *'Thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace'* is fulfilled and Abraham dies a man *'full of years.'* Every promise that God makes - He keeps!

I. THE LAST DAYS OF ABRAHAM – (vs. 1-11).

- A. The Sons of Abraham by Keturah - (v. 14).
- B. Isaac Alone is Heir of Abraham - (vs. 5-6).
- C. The Death of Abraham at age 175 - (vs. 7-11).
Abraham is buried same place as Sarah (Ch. 23:19); also Isaac & Rebekah (see 49:30) and Jacob (see 49:30, 50:13).
- D. Isaac the Well-Digger - (v. 11). In just the few brief mentions of Isaac (in comparison to Abraham), Isaac is associated with a well **seven times**!

II. THE FAMILY OF ISHMAEL – (vs. 12-18).

- A. Sons of Ishmael - (v. 12), by their towns-castles-nations - (v. 16).
- B. Years of Ishmael, 137 - (v. 17).
- C. Died in presence of all his brethren - (v. 18).

III. THE FAMILY OF ISAAC – (vs. 19-28).

- A. Abraham beget Isaac - (v. 19) - compare with verse 12.
- B. Isaac prays for his wife - (v. 21a).
- C. Rebekah's conception and inward struggled - (vs. 21b-23).
- D. Two sons, born and contrasted - (vs. 24-27).
 - 1. Esau - cunning (mighty) hunter - like Nimrod - (Gen. 10).
 - 2. Jacob - plain (ordinary) not worldly - dwelt in tents like father.
- E. Isaac's love for Esau - (v. 28) - *'Because he did eat of his venison.'*

IV. SALE OF THE BIRTHRIGHT – (vs. 29-34).

A. The Despised Birthright.

- 1. Esau traded the future and eternal wealth for the present and temporal need.
- 2. Jacob, on the other hand, gave up present things (poor things though they were) for greater blessings, eternal blessings.

NOTE: as poor as the pottage was, it had power over Esau's heart.

B. What was the Birthright?

- 1. The father's blessing and the place of firstborn as head of the family.
- 2. The honour of being in the direct line of the Messiah.
- 3. The place of priesthood in the patriarchal family.
- 4. A double portion of the family "estate."

CONCLUSION: Esau despised his birthright for a brief gratification of the flesh. Like a man of the flesh, he lives for the day only. He places all the value on what he can see and enjoy now. Jesus placed the value upon the spiritual and future (Matt. 6:33; Luke 12:33). Judas sold his soul for 30 pieces of silver; like Esau, people are selling out their hope of Heaven for less than Judas and Esau sold out for – (II Tim. 3:2-4). Esau lived to regret his mistake, but it was too late - (Hebrews 12:16-17).



ISAAC

Genesis Chapter 26

KEY VERSE: (Gen. 26:3a) *‘Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee:’*

INTRO: In the Book of Genesis there are 12 Chapters on Abraham, 12 Chapters on Jacob and 12 Chapters on Joseph; but there’s only one Chapter about Isaac - Chapter 26. Isaac is the only one of these four that we never see outside the Land. Isaac is a type of Christ, the only begotten son, who is given on the altar (Moriah) and risen again, abiding in the Father’s house.

NOTE: As a unique type of Christ, He is: (1) The Promised Son; (2) The Miracle Son; (3) Born at God’s appointed time (Gen. 21:1; Gal. 4:4); (4) The Only Heir of his Father; (5) He was obedient unto Death (Gen. 22); (6) He had a Divinely chosen Bride; (7) He is the only one through whom all the promises will be realized.

I. ISAAC IS TESTED LIKE ABRAHAM in the LAND OF GERAR – (vs. 1-16).

It doesn’t take much to break down the Faith of a Believer sometimes, just a little trouble, a little famine is sufficient. A famine sent Abraham into Egypt (World) where he denied Sarah (The vessel of the promises). Now, a similar trial brings Isaac into Gerar, where he also denies his wife! If the Lord hadn’t appeared to him, he would have gone down to Egypt also.

NOTE: If it is disastrous to the spiritual life for the Christian to go down into “Egypt”, it is also dangerous to go down to ‘Gerar’ (Halfway).

A. Famine in the Land – (vs. 1-2) - Go to Gerar NOT Egypt.

B. God Confirms His Covenant to Isaac – (vs. 3-5).

Count the ‘*I Will’s*’ of the Covenant. Christ is the **MEDIATOR** of a ‘*Better Covenant*’ which is established upon better promises (Hebrews 8:6-13). The Promise in v. 3 is also given to each Patriarch. Also, in verse 5 there is: (1) A **Voice** to be heard; (2) A **Charge** to be kept; (3) **Commandments** to be Obeyed; (4) **Statutes** to be loved; and (5) **Laws** to be followed.

C. God Protects Isaac’s Wife – (vs. 6-11).

Isaac’s wife (Type of Church) is kept by the Power of God (I Peter 1:5) even though Isaac did use deception.

D. Isaac Is Envied Because of God’s Blessings – (vs. 12-14).

A man may become very rich in Gerar, but usually his influence is lost.

E. Nothing But Strife and Contention in Gerar - (vs. 15-16) – Expelled.

II. ISAAC THE WELL DIGGER – (vs. 17-33) - Wonderful Type of Christ. Christ opened up the **Wells of Salvation** (Isa. 12:3 and John 4:14). When Christ came He found the Wells of Salvation stopped up by **Tradition, Pharissism, Hypocrisy and Hatred** (Matt. 23:13). Notice the names of these three wells: (1) **Esek** means “Contention” - (v. 20); (2) **Sitnah** means “Hatred” - (v. 21); and (3) **Rehoboth** means “Enlargement” – (v. 22). There was no enlargement or growth until Contention and Hatred were abandoned

III. ISAAC/REBEKAH’S GRIEF IN ESAU’S DOUBLE MARRIAGE – (vs. 34, 35).

Esau’s profanity in selling his birthright was quickly followed by his double marriage with the Hittites. So it always is, the Heart that despises Heavenly things very quickly becomes doubly yoked to this present evil world.



THE STOLEN BLESSING

Genesis Chapter 27

KEY VERSE: (Galatians 6:7) *'Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.'*

INTRO: Jacob's life story is full of spiritual instruction for God's people. Jacob's character is questionable again and again; yet it forms a dark background to the **Amazing Grace of God**. Grace abundantly gives every thing to those who deserve nothing. God loved Jacob because of some sufficient reason in Himself, and not because Jacob was Good or Lovable. Truly, this illustrates the saving power of Divine Grace.

I. THE STOLEN BLESSING or JACOB DECEIVES HIS FATHER – (vs. 1-33).

A. Isaac, Old and Blind, Wants to Bless Esau, His Favorite Son – (vs. 1-4). Isaac was 137 years old at this time. His step-brother Ishmael died at this age (Ch. 25:17) and probably Ishmael's death caused Isaac to think he also was about to die, but he lived 43 years longer (Ch. 35:28). Isaac knew God's will (Ch. 25:23) about the Elder serving the Younger, but He wanted Esau to have the blessing. If Esau was willing to sell his birth right for a mess of pottage, Isaac was prepared to sell it for a dish of venison.

B. Rebekah Plans a Cunning Deception so Jacob Can be Blessed – (vs. 5-17). Rebekah is just as determined that Jacob, her favorite, should have the blessing instead of Esau; so she persuades Jacob to act the lie.

NOTE: God never condones this or any other lie. The Bible always condemns sin in any shape and form. It is true that God desired Jacob to have the blessing, but Jacob took the wrong means to obtain it and a right end does not justify a wrong means. It's never right to do **EVIL to accomplish GOOD**. Although it was God's will that Jacob should receive the Blessing, He would have brought it about without all this deception and maneuvering.

C. Jacob Deceives His Father Isaac By Pretending to Be Esau – (vs. 18-25).

1. Jacob Listened to Evil Counsel – (vs. 6-10); (Prov. 4:14-19 and Psa. 1:1).
2. Jacob Disguised His True Person – (vs. 15-15) (Pretended to be what he was not. (Matt. 23:25-27 and Hebrews 4:13).
3. Jacob Lied Openly – (v. 24).
4. Jacob Apparently Prospered (Received the blessing...).

D. Isaac Blesses Jacob with the Great Abrahamic Covenant – (vs. 26-29).

E. Esau Returns and Discovers Jacob's Deception – (vs. 30-33).

Isaac trembled (v. 33) and rightly so, he knew God's will in this and had been guilty of trying to exert his own will instead of God's. God over-ruled and caused **Faith to Triumph** (Heb. 11:20).

II. ESAU'S UNFAILING REMORSE, SECONDARY BLESSING – (vs. 34-40).

Esau mourned and wept for the Lost Blessing, but not the sold birthright. Men mourn the evil that sin brings but not the sin that brings the evil - (Heb. 12:16-17). Even though he repented, it was too late.

III. THE BITTER RESULTS OF THE STOLEN BLESSING – (vs. 41-46).



JACOB AT BETHEL

Genesis Chapter 28

KEY VERSE: (Gen. 28:16) *'Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not.'*

INTRO: Jacob and his experiences is both a type of (1) **Israel**, the Jewish Nation, and also as a type of (2) **the Believer**. It's very interesting to note how each of the Patriarchs typify some distinct truth in the believer: **Abraham's life** reveals Divine Sovereignty and the Life of Faith; in **Isaac** it is Divine Sonship and the Life of Submission; while in **Jacob** it is Divine Grace and the Life of Conflict. In Abraham, **Election**; in Isaac, **the New Birth**; and in Jacob, the struggle of the two natures - (see Romans 7:23).

I. ISAAC BLESSES JACOB AND SENDS HIM AWAY - (vs. 1-5).

The story of Jacob really begins with this chapter. Three periods of his life can be traced in the history of Israel: (1) His life in Canaan, (Like Israel once in the land). (2) His departure from the land and his servitude in Padan-Aram (Israel, scattered among the nations). (3) His Return to the Land (Israel is now back in their land, but in unbelief).

II. ESAU DEFIES FATHER'S TEACHING, TAKES A WIFE - (vs. 6-9).

The fact that Jacob now obeyed his father and mother (v. 7) and leaves for Padan-aram to find a wife among his mother's folks seems to stir up bitterness in the heart of Esau and defiantly (v. 8) *'seeing that the daughters of Canaan (Unsaved) pleased not Isaac his father'* goes and marries another wife of Ishmael - (see 25:34-35 for his other wives).

III. JACOB'S VISION AT BETHEL - (vs. 10-22).

A. The Weary Wanderer or First Night Away From Home - (vs. 10-11).

The **Cause** was **sin** and the **effect** was **weariness and loneliness**

1. Behind him is the threat of judgment by his angry brother.
2. Within him was an accusing conscience (Romans 2:15).
3. Beneath his head a stony pillow that gave no rest.
4. Around him an unknown country filled with perils. This is the picture of many today.

B. The Wondrous Vision - (vs. 12-13).

1. The Cause -- God's Grace (Titus 2:11, 3:4 and Ephesians 2:4).
2. The Vision (v. 12) The Ladder from Earth to Heaven is picture of Christ. Mentioned by our Lord in John 1:52.
3. Salvation -- Christ as the Way to God is (a) Long Enough (John 14:6); (b) Big Enough for all. (John 6:37 & I Tim. 2:4); and (c) Strong enough for every Sinner (Heb. 7:25).

C. The Gracious Promise - (vs. 13-15). (Also 'God of Jacob' see Ps. 20:1)

1. Concerning the Land (13, 14) (See Gen. 13:14-18).
2. Concerning Himself (v. 15) -- (a) Companionship *'with thee'*; (b) Guardianship *'keep'*; and (c) Leadership *'bring.'*

D. The Humble Worshipper - His Attitude and His Vow - (vs. 16-21).

E. The Stone of Witness - (v. 22) (Witnessed to his Need, Faith & Grace).



JACOB GETS MARRIED

Genesis Chapter 29

KEY VERSE: (Galatians 6:7) *'Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.'*

INTRO: Jacob's life and experiences clearly show the **Grace of God** that continuously works in the life of the Believer and the contrasting struggle of the two natures within the Believer. Jacob is never forsaken, but he is allowed to reap the shame and sorrow of his own self-chosen way.

I. JACOB ARRIVES AT PADAN-ARAM, MEETS RACHEL – (vs. 1-14).

A. The Long Journey – (v. 1). (About 500 miles). Jacob's experience at Bethel made his journey easy and strengthened his way.

B. The Happy Meeting or Jacob Meets Rachel or Boy Meets Girl – (vs. 2-13).

1. The **Well** - The Servant found Rebekah at a **well** (Gen. 24). Jacob meets Rachel at a **well**; Jesus meet the Samaritan woman at a **well**.
2. The **Stone** - Isaac was a Well-Digger, he unstopped the Wells. The **STONE** of indifference often hinders the Lord's Blessings (John 11:39).
3. Love At First Sight – (see v. 17). Rachel was beautiful & well favoured.

C. Jacob's Sojourn – (v. 14) - (A Month).

II. JACOB'S FIRST 7 YEARS OF SERVICE FOR RACHEL - (vs. 15-20).

A. The Agreement Between Laban and Jacob – (vs. 15, 19, 20).

1. Laban's Two Daughters – (vs. 16, 17) - Leah and Rachel. Leah was Tender Eyed (Sort of droopy and plain); whereas, Rachel was very beautiful and fully endowed.
2. Laban's Willingness to give Rachel to Jacob – (v. 19).

B. The Constraining Power of Love – (v. 20) - All his labor and time was as nothing because of his Love for Rachel (II Cor. 5:14).

III. JACOB IS DECEIVED INTO MARRYING LEAH – (vs. 21-25).

Jacob tastes a little of his own medicine (Gal. 6:7), he reaps a part of what he has sown. He deceived his Father Isaac and now Laban deceived him in much the same way, especially by substituting Leah for the beloved Rachel by dressing Leah up to represent Rachel. Retribution is not always speedy, but it is always **SURE** (Eccl. 8:11).

NOTE: The great day of the marriage is now here; all the celebration and the excitement, the wedding night and the morning after. Oh, Boy! The wrong wife! Can you imagine Jacob's dilemma?

IV. JACOB GETS RACHEL, MUST SERVE 7 YEARS MORE – (vs. 26-30).

Jacob must learn his lesson in patience. He would not wait for the birthright, but now he waits and serves 14 years for his two wives.



THE SONS OF JACOB

Genesis 29:31 -- 30:24

KEY VERSE: (Psa. 127:3) *'Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord.'*

INTRO: This portion of Scripture is not pleasant reading, for here we see some of the problems of plural marriages, the discord, envy, jealousy, and bitterness; yet in it all we see God over-ruling and bringing order out of chaos. The Birth of these twelve sons of Jacob and naming them is the beginning of the **Twelve-tribed Nation of Israel**. Not only is the **name** of each child given, but in very instance we are told the **meaning** of the name and that which **occasioned** the selection of that name.

NOTE: Notice the meaning of each of their names and the order in which they were mentioned. The names and their meaning present a picture of a **sinner saved by grace!** We also believe that there is a Prophetic significance behind their names concerning God's dealings with Israel.

- I. (29:32) **REUBEN (Leah)** = "See, a Son!" Jacob's first born son. This is just what God says to us through the Gospel: *'Behold the Lamb of God'* (John 1:36).
- II. (29:33) **SIMEON (Leah)** = "Hearing" (Rom. 10:17). Simeon's name means **hearing** and this is how Faith comes *'Faith cometh by Hearing'* and the promise is *'hear, and your soul shall live;'* (Isa. 55:3).
- III. (29:34) **LEVI (Leah)** = "Joined" (1 Cor 6:17) *'But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.'* The moment we **hear and believe** we are **joined** to him.
- IV. (29:35) **JUDAH (Leah)** = "Praise" (Gen. 29:35; 49:8). Judah is the one (Tribe) through which God gave the Saviour.
- V. (30:6) **DAN (Bilhah)** = "Judgment" (I Cor. 11: 21). Our sins are already judged in Christ on the Cross, but now the Christian needs to constantly judge himself.
- VI. (30:8) **NAPHTALI (Bilhah)** = "Wrestling" (Gal. 5:17). A Christian now has two natures within him (**natural & spiritual**) and they are constantly in a struggle with one another.
- VII. (30:11) **GAD (Zilpah)** = "A Troop" (Acts 2:47). Gad means a **TROOP** or **COMPANY** and speaks of the Believer in Fellowship with the Lord's people.
- VIII. (30:13) **ASHER (Zilpah)** = "Happy" (Acts 2:46). The Blessed result of being joined to Christ and in Fellowship with saints.
- IX. (30:18) **ISSACHAR (Leah)** = "Hire or Service" (Col. 3:24). Issachar speaks of Service.
- X. (30:20) **ZEBULUN (Leah)** = "Dwelling or Occupying" (Luke 19:13). We are to "**Occupy**" until Jesus comes.
- XI. (30:22-24) **JOSEPH (Rachel)** = "Adding or Rewards" (Matt. 25:23). Speaks of the Rewards for those who Serve and Occupy Faithfully.
- XII. (35:18) **BENJAMIN (Rachel)** = "Son of my right hand" (Acts 7:55).



JACOB'S 13 CHILDREN

(born of four mothers)

LEAH, Laban's Daughter

#1	Reuben
#2	Simeon
#3	Levi
#4	Judah
#9	Issachar
#10	Zebulan
#11	Dinah

BILHAH, Rachel's Servant

#5	Dan
#6	Naphtali

ZILPAH, Leah's Servant

#7	Gad
#8	Asher

RACHEL, Laban's Daughter

#12	Joseph
#13	Benjamin

NOTE: The heritage of the Firstborn included:

1. Double Portion.
2. Priestly Responsibility.
3. Messianic Privilege.

Joseph - Received the Double Portion through his 2 sons:
Ephraim & Manasseh (Gen. 48:14).

Levi - Received the Priestly Portion.

Judah - Received the Messianic Portion.



JACOB TURNS HOMEWARD

Genesis 30:25-43

Genesis 31:1-55

KEY VERSE: (Gen. 30:27b) *'And Laban said unto him, ...for I have learned by experience that the LORD hath blessed me for thy sake.'*

INTRO: Fourteen years have passed since Jacob's arrival in Haran. He arrived "empty-handed" in the physical sense, but "full" spiritually, after receiving the blessing of God on his life at Bethel. That blessing is now very visible in that Jacob has been blessed with 2 wives and 12 children. Laban has also been- blessed "physically" by Jacob's presence and when he realizes Jacob's desire to return home, he tries to persuade him to stay 'tarry' (v. 27) *'Appoint me thy wages, and I will give it'* (v. 28). Now Jacob, through God's blessing, will grow rich and begin his journey homeward.

I. JACOB PROSPERS - (Ch. 30:25-43).

A. Jacob's Proposal to Laban - (vs. 25-34). Apparently Jacob was a "worthy" laborer, as Laban asked him to name *his own terms* if he would only stay.

NOTE: His proposal is exactly (v. 32) as he has dealt with Laban before, and his proposal is more than fair as Laban readily agrees to the wages, without even bargaining (v. 34)!

B. Jacob's Prosperity Through Cunning - (vs. 35-43).

1. Laban removes to three days distance (v. 36) *the 'spotted, speckled, ringstraked, and brown'* of the sheep, cattle and goats to the care of his sons, while Jacob continues to care for the balance of Laban's flock (v. 36).
2. Through superstitious means and cunning, in six years, Jacob builds a large flock and becomes a wealthy man (v. 43).

NOTE: Let's remember: it was **God's blessing**, not Jacob's cunning that brought prosperity!

II. JACOB LEAVES PADAN-ARAM (Ch. 31:1-55).

A. God Calls Jacob Back "Home" - (vs. 1-16). **God's Will** comes to Jacob through:

1. **Circumstances** - (vs. 1-2) *'Laban. . . was not toward him as before.'*
2. **Call (Word of God)** - (v. 3) *'The Lord said unto Jacob...'*
3. **Counsel** - (vs. 4-16) *'And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah...'*

B. Jacob Flees from Padan-Aram - (vs. 17-24).

Again, Jacob does the right thing (God said "Go"!) in the wrong way, and the balance of this chapter is the consequences of "sneaking" away (v. 20).

C. Laban Pursues and Overtakes Jacob - (vs. 25-35).

1. Laban reproves Jacob for leaving - (vs. 26-30).
2. Laban searches for his *gods* but does not find them - (vs. 31-35).

D. Jacob Reproves Laban (vs. 36-42) for:

1. Hotly pursuing - (v. 36).
2. Searching his stuff - (v. 37).
3. Wages changed 10 times in 6 years - (vs. 38-42).

E. The Covenant Between Laban and Jacob - (vs. 43-55).

'Now therefore come thou, let us make a covenant, I and thou.'

1. **Mizpah**, meaning "a beacon", "a watchtower" as a witness of the covenant (agreement) between two parties.
2. Their covenant was **negative** in that they agreed to never cross the "heap" to do the other harm.
3. Laban kisses his daughters and grandchildren good-bye, then returns *'unto his place'* - (v. 55).



JACOB BECOMES ISRAEL

Genesis Chapter 32

KEY VERSE: (Gen. 32:28) *'Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.'*

INTRO: Jacob has been gone from home for 20 years now (31:38). He now has two wives, two slave girls (secondary wives), and eleven sons, one daughter and a great host of possessions, servants and cattle. He had nothing when he left home but now returns a rich man. Coming home sometimes can be a frightening experience when you had to leave like Jacob.

I. THE ANGELS OF GOD – (vs. 1-2).

Immediately after Laban and his hostile group withdraw, the Angels of God appear to strengthen and encourage Jacob. Could these be the same angels that met Jacob at Bethel the first night away from home? He calls the name of that place Mahanaim (which means -- **TWO Camps**) -- (1) His feeble camp and (2) the Encircling camp of God's mighty Angels.

II. ESAU BRINGS 400 MEN, JACOB CLAIMS GOD'S PROMISE IN PRAYER – (vs. 3-12).

A. Jacob Sends Messengers to Esau – (vs. 3-5).

B. Esau Cornea with 400 Men – (vs. 6-8) - Jacob Afraid.

C. The Content of Jacob's Prayer – (vs. 9-12):

(1) Adoration – (v. 9).

(3) Praise – (v. 10).

(2) Humility – (v. 10).

(4) Petition – (v. 11).

D. The Basis of Jacob's Prayer – (v. 12). The sure promises of God.

III. JACOB'S PREPARATION FOR HIS MEETING WITH ESAU – (vs. 13-23).

Jacob wanted *'to make a fair show in the flesh'* (Gal. 6:12) and sent all these gifts to *'Appease him'* (v. 20). This is a common fault today (see Romans 10:3). God cannot be appeased by Good Works, Morality, Sorrow, Sincerity, Religiousness, Forms, Ceremonies, or any such. It is the **blood** alone (Lev. 17:11; Heb. 9:22; I John 1:7; I Peter 1:18; and Gal. 2:18) By all this preparation Jacob shows how little value he really places upon his prayers. Jacob is still the "Scheming Supplanter."

IV. JACOB'S LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE AT PENIEL – (vs. 24-32).

A. A Lonely Man – (v. 24) -- Alone with God, no Human Aid, no arm of flesh, no human wisdom to help, all props removed. Jacob, like every sinner, must be shut up to God alone. Salvation is the personal dealing of a Personal God with an individual. Each sinner must realize this. There can be no hypocrisy, smugness, sanctimoniousness nor self-righteousness in the presence of God (Isa. 64:6).



JACOB BECOMES ISRAEL

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B. A Wrestling Angel – (vs. 24-25). A **Wrestling Angel**, not a Wrestling Jacob. The Angel wrestled with Jacob to take away his **Pride, his Self-Sufficiency**, his trust in his **own strength and wisdom**; not to destroy him, but to **save him**.

C. A Clinging Jacob – (v. 26). Jacob found himself in serious trouble and realized that God Himself was behind that peril. He realized that it was not really with Esau, his brother, that he had to contend, but with the angel of the Lord Himself. When sore broken by that mighty hand he did not seek for human help but clung with weeping and supplication to the very God that wounded him and then he got the victory.

NOTE: Jacob had to confess his name (Supplanter) before healing could begin. What is your name? Is it Sinner? Lost? Guilty? Ungodly? Then it can be changed. If your name is “Good Enough”- it will never be changed (see Matt. 9:12-13).

D. A Changed Name – (vs. 27-28) - From JACOB to ISRAEL (A Prince with God)! Is your name changed to Christian? Believer? Saint? Disciple? Brother? **The Sinner Needs:**

1. A changed attitude toward God - Repentance (Acts 17:31).
2. A changed standing before God - Justification (Romans 3:25).
3. A changed relationship with God - Adoption/Sonship (John 1:12).
4. A changed walk before God - Obedience (Ephesians 2:10).

E. A Blessed Testimony – (vs. 30-32).

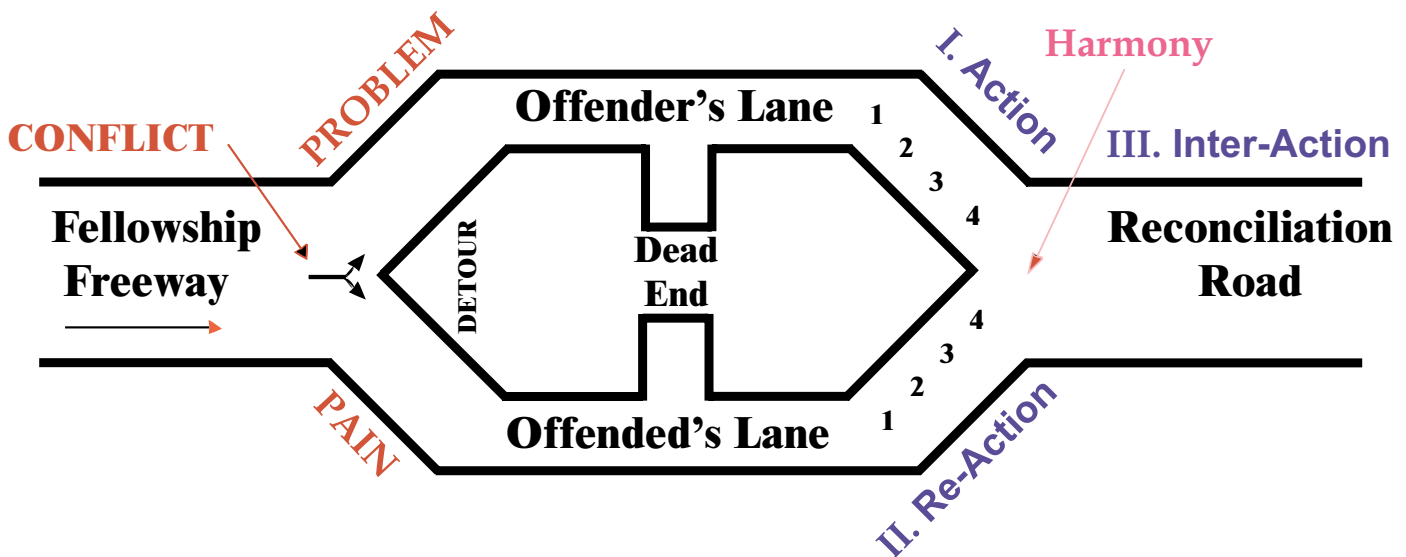
NOTE: The great principle that God cannot give victory to “The Flesh” appears in this night scene. It is the broken heart that begins to experience what Divine power means. Better for the sun to rise upon a limping Israel than to set upon a lying Jacob. Israel (Jacob) returns with abundance, but broken and contrite in spirit.

OVERCOMING FEAR

(Genesis 32)

- I. First Factor: Divine Protection - (vs. 1-8).
- II. Second Factor: Divine Promises - (vs. 9-12).
- III. Third Factor: Divine Pattern - (vs. 13-23).
- IV. Fourth Factor: Divine Person - (vs. 24-32).
 - A. Jacob's Past.
 - B. Jacob's Present.
 - C. Jacob's Plans.

The Road to Reconciliation Genesis 33:1-15





JACOB AND ESAU RECONCILED

Genesis Chapter 33

KEY VERSE: (I Cor. 2:9) *'But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.'*

INTRO: In Chapter 32 Jacob can't go back (to Laban) and he doesn't want to go forward (to meet Esau) and the situation produces a **broken man** who admits to his "nature" (Jacob) and is given a new name (Israel). The key to understanding this Chapter is found in the first two words of the Chapter, *'And Jacob...'* Unfortunately, it is Jacob (the schemer) who goes to meet his brother, and not Israel (the Prince with God)! Although his name is changed and God reminds him of that change again in Chapter 35, God does not refer to him as Israel until verse 21.

I. JACOB'S MEETING WITH ESAU - (vs. 1-11).

A. Prayer Answered - (vs. 1-4).

The prayer of Chapter 32 - (vs. 9-12) - is answered beyond Jacob's expectations in fact, all his "fleshly" preparations were unnecessary.

1. Jacob's Preparation - those loved most went "to the rear" - (vs. 1-2).
2. Jacob's Humility - bowed *'seven times'* - (v. 3).
3. Brothers Reconciled - (v. 4). What a beautiful & tender picture of reconciliation!

B. The Happy Reunion - (vs. 4-7) - Jacob introduces his family to Esau.

C. The Peace Offering Received - (vs. 8-11).

Esau doesn't want to take the gift sent on ahead (Ch. 32:13-21) but Jacob insists: *'He urged him, and he took it.'* In Eastern countries the acceptance of a gift is equivalent to the striking of a covenant of friendship. If your present is received you may rely on friendship; if it is declined you have everything to fear. It was on this ground that Jacob was so urgent in pressing Esau to accept his present.

II. JACOB LEAVING ESAU JOURNEYS ON TO SUCCOTH - (vs. 12-17).

A. They Agree to Head in the Same Direction - (vs. 12-14).

Jacob says he will follow *'softly'* after Esau as his flocks and herds have many young ones and even a hard days drive may kill them. Also, Jacob says he has his own children to consider. Is this Jacob's true concern, or is he already "scheming" to deceive Esau again?

B. Esau Offers Some of his Men to Help Jacob - (v. 15).

C. Jacob and Esau Go in Different Directions - (vs. 16, 17).

III. JACOB "SETTLES DOWN" IN CANAAN - (vs. 18, 19).

NOTE: Apparently Jacob deceives his brother Esau by promising to slowly follow Esau to Mt. Seir, but instead he goes to Succoth. The house that Jacob built at Succoth became a Memorial of sin and shame. Here is the first mention of a house with the Patriarchs. He then buys some land as though he had gotten his eye off of the promises of God. God is the God of Bethel, He did not say "I am the God of Succoth." How easy it is for the believer to forget and get out of the promises and will of God. But thank God for the exceeding riches of his Mercy and Grace!

IV. JACOB'S FIRST WORSHIP ALTAR IN 20 YEARS - (v. 20).

'Elohe-Israel' - means "God the God of Israel."



DINAH DEFILED & CONSEQUENCES

Genesis Chapter 34

KEY VERSE: (Gal. 6:7) *'Be not deceived; God is not mocked:
for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.'*

INTRO: This Chapter begins the story of Jacob's afflictions in and through his children (Ch. 33:14). Jacob assured Esau he would follow him back to the land, but Jacob turned westward to Succoth, bought land from Hamor (Ch. 33:19), built a house and settled down far short of Bethel.

I. DINAH DEFILED - The Loss of Her Honor - (vs. 1-5).

- A. Sixteen (16) years old.
- B. She was Jacob's only daughter.
- C. Went to see and to be seen. (To see the daughters of the land ... probably the boys also. She wanted to see how the girls of the world dressed, walked, talked, acted, etc.).

II. THE NEGOTIATIONS - The Two Factions - (vs. 6-19).

- A. Hamor and Shechem - One Side - (v. 16).
- B. Jacob and His Angry Sons - Other Side - (v. 17).

NOTE: Seemed polite enough on the surface, but **seething** on the **inside**.
Rightly called: "Fornication." Fornication is folly, for it sacrifices the favor and blessings of God, the peace of conscience and defilement upon the altar of sensual, base, brutish lust. Marriage is based simply on desire.

HAMOR'S OFFER:

- 1. Full Citizens Rights.
- 2. Inter-Marriage.
- 3. Free Movement.
- 4. Trade privileges.
- 5. Property Ownership.

JACOB'S COUNTER OFFER:

(with Lethal Overtones)

All males of the city be **circumcised**;
otherwise they would leave.
"Circumcised" - Religious ceremony.
Covenant relationship w/God.

III. FULFILLING THE TREATY - (vs. 20-24).

- A. Shechem and his Father take the proposition to the City Council.
- B. Their Main Idea is to Integrate (Intermarry). Why? See v. 23.
Could it be their intent to take Jacob's wealth to become their own?



DINAH DEFILED & CONSEQUENCES

(Continued)

V. THE DECEITFUL SLAUGHTER OF THE HIVITES - (vs. 25-31).

The defilement of Dinah was not near the reproach that the Sons of Jacob brought in the name of their religion (Circumcision). They insisted that they be circumcised (not to make them Holier, but to make them **prey**. This sacred covenant was never more wrongly used - a cloak of deceit. The Canaanites were more honest than the Israelites.

LESSONS:

1. Dinah's desire '**To See**' the daughters of the land, led to her defilement. Her longing no doubt was also her desire to be like them, to be seen of them and to be with them.
2. **Customs of Those Peoples and at that Time:**
 - a. Marriage arrangements were made by the fathers.
 - b. Consummating a bargain or business at the gate before men of that city (the City Council).
3. **The End Never Justifies The Means** - To lie, deceive, murder is never right - even because of wrong.
4. **Revenge** - Simeon and Levi (possibly the others also) forfeited their privileges to exercise their Abrahamic covenant rights.
5. **Inter-Marriage** - Seemed to be only the daughters - (v. 9). The daughter takes on the name and customs of the husband.
6. **When there is sin** - there is cause to fear Reproach, Ruin, Judgment, Loss of Spiritual Strength and Blessings.



JACOB RETURNS TO BETHEL

Genesis Chapter 35

KEY VERSE: (Gen. 35:1) *'And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother.'*

INTRO: God again reminds Jacob of his previous command to return to Bethel (Ch. 31:11-13). Jacob had been living in Shechem for 10 years and Bethel was only thirty miles away. How tragically easy it is to move toward surrender and yet fall short of it (see Heb. 4:1). We have several **Firsts** in this 35th Chapter, including the **First Revival** - (v. 2); the **First** mention of a **Drink Offering**; and the **First Reference to Bethlehem**. Here Rachel dies giving birth to the son of Jacob's right hand. Many centuries later a young virgin would give birth to another baby in Bethlehem, this babe would be known as the "**Son of God's Right Hand**."

I. THE OBEDIENT PATRIARCH – (vs. 1-7).

A. God's Command – (v. 1).

1. Arise,
2. Go up to Bethel,
3. Dwell there, and
4. Make there an altar unto God.

B. Jacob's Obedience – (vs. 2-7).

1. The First Revival Mentioned in Scriptures – (vs. 2-4).
 - a. Put away strange gods;
 - b. Be clean;
 - c. Change your garments.
2. The Terror of God upon the Cities – (v. 5).
3. The Altar at Bethel – (vs. 6-7). '*Bethel*' became '*El-Bethel*.' As already noted, the name **Bethel** means "House of God", but **El-Bethel** means "The God of the House of God." The difference between these two concepts is the difference between knowing the Word of God and of knowing the God of the Word!

II. THE SORROWING SAINT – (vs. 8, 16-29).

A. Jacob's Loss - Jacob loses, in rapid succession, three loved ones.

1. His old nurse, **Deborah** - (v. 8). Deborah, first mentioned here, apparently came to live with Jacob after the death of her mistress (and Jacob's mother) Rebekah.
2. His beloved wife, **Rachel** - (vs. 16-20) - dies giving birth to her second (and Jacob's twelfth) son, who is named "Son of my Right hand."
3. His father **Isaac** - (vs. 27-29) - dies at the age of 180 and is buried by Jacob and Esau alongside Abraham in the cave of Machpelah at Hebron.

B. Jacob's New Name Used – (v. 22).

NOTE: This is the first use of Jacob's new name since it was given. It is **after the death of Rachel** - perhaps Jacob's "Spiritual Vision" is improving. He is referred to as '*Israel*' only 26 times through the end of the book of Genesis.

III. THE REMINDED SAINT – (vs. 9-15).

A. Reminded of His New Name – (v. 10).

Jacob was not living in all the **light** he possessed, and here God reminds him of the **Spiritual** man he **should** be!

B. Reminded of the Abrahamic Covenant – (vs. 11-12).

Jacob's life was not all it should have been but we can always count on **God's Promises!**



THE DECENDANTS OF ESAU

Genesis Chapter 36

KEY VERSE: (Gen. 36:1) *'Now these are the generations of Esau,...*

INTRO: Why is it so important to give this detailed record of Esau's descendents? Who was Esau? Who are his seed today?

I. THE WIVES OF ESAU - (vs. 1-3).

(Esau married the daughters of Canaan).

1. **ADAH** (Daughter of Elon the Hittite).
2. **AHOLIBAMAH** (Daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite).
3. **BASHEMATH** (Ishmael's daughter --- sister of Nebahoth).

II. THE SONS OF ESAU - (vs. 4-5).

1. **ELIPHAZ** (Adah).
2. **REUEL** (Bashemath).
3. **JEUSH** (Aholibamah).
4. **JAALAM** (Aholibamah).
5. **KORAH** (Aholibamah).

III. THE WEALTH OF ESAU - (vs. 6-8).

(All gotten in the land of Caanan).

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| 1. WIVES. | 5. CATTLE. |
| 2. SONS. | 6. BEASTS. |
| 3. DAUGHTERS. | 7. ALL HIS SUBSTANCE. |
| 4. PERSONS OF HIS HOUSE. | |

IV. The DESCENDENTS OF ESAU & SEIR the HORITE - (vs. 9-42).

(These two families inter-married)

A. Generations of Esau the Father of the Edomites - (vs. 9-19).

NOTE: *'Dukes'* = "Chiefs."

B. Sons of Seir the Horite - (vs. 20-30).

C. Kings of Edom - (vs. 31-39).

D. Dukes that came of Esau - (vs. 40-43).



JOSEPH - THE HATED

Genesis Chapter 37

KEY VERSE: (Psalm 37:24) *'Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.'*

INTRO: This Chapter opens the last division of the Book of Genesis -- with the expression *'These are the generations of Jacob'* (the family history of Jacob). The very next word is **'Joseph'** - which is the topic of the remainder of the book.

Chapter Outline

1. Jacob dwelling in the land of Canaan - (v. 1).
2. Joseph - His Age, Occupation, Associates and Character - (v. 2).
3. Beloved by his father -- Coat of many colors - (v. 3).
4. Hated by his Brothers - (v. 4).
5. Joseph's Dream of the Sheaves - (vs. 5-8).
6. Joseph's Dream of the Sun, Moon and the Stars - (vs. 9-11).
7. Jacob sends Joseph to seek his brothers - (vs. 12-17).
8. The Brothers plot against Joseph - (vs. 18-22).
9. Joseph cast into the pit and sold to Ishmealites - (vs. 23-28).
10. Reuben's plan fails and his grief - (vs. 29-30).
11. The Deception of Jacob's Sons (Coat dipped in blood) - (vs. 31-32).
12. Jacob's grief in mourning for Joseph - (vs. 33-35).
13. Joseph sold in Egypt unto Potiphar - (v. 36).

The story of Joseph is one of the most interesting in the whole Bible. The Holy Spirit devoted more space to the life of Joseph than He devoted to Abraham. The reason for this must be sought in the fact that the story of Joseph foreshadows the story of Christ. Some see a marvelous parallel between Joseph's experiences and the life of Christ.

The life of Joseph (also of Jesus) falls into two periods: **His Humiliation and His Exaltation**. In these two parts the sufferings of Christ and the Glory that should follow are blessedly foreshadowed. There is no other type so perfect as that of Joseph. We want to point out a few of the comparisons; at least, the leading ones:

1. Joseph was a Shepherd - (v. 2). So was Jesus - (John 10:11).
2. Joseph hated Sin and loved Righteousness - (v. 2). So did Jesus - (Heb. 1:9).
3. Joseph was loved of his father more than all (Favorite Son) - (v. 3). So was Jesus - (John 5:20 and Matt. 3:17).
4. Joseph was Hated by his brethren - (v. 4). So was Jesus - (Matt. 27:18, 10:31).
5. Joseph was envied by his brethren - (v. 11). So was Jesus - (Mark 15:10).
6. Joseph was sent to seek his brethren - (vs. 13-17); (Israel put Joseph into their hands). So was Jesus - (Luke 19:10, I John 4:10, and John 3:17).
7. Joseph's Brethren conspired to slay him - (v. 18). So with Jesus - (Luke 22:3-6).
8. Joseph was stripped of his clothing - (v. 23). So was Jesus - (Matthew 27:28).
9. Joseph was cast into a pit - (v. 24). Jesus was in heart of the earth - (Mt. 12:40).
10. Joseph was taken up out of pit alive - (v. 28). So was Jesus - (Acts 10:40).
11. Joseph was sold as a slave - (v. 28). So was Jesus - (30 pieces - Zech. 11:12-13).
12. Joseph's blood sprinkled coat was present to his father - (vs. 31-33). So the blood of Jesus was presented to His Father - (Hebrews 9:12).
13. Joseph's Father thought that he was killed - (v. 33). Jesus was killed.

The History of Joseph clearly foreshadows the Life of Christ.



JOSEPH & JESUS COMPARED

1. Beloved by their fathers.	Gen. 37:3	Matt. 3:17
2. Both were Shepherds.	Gen. 37:2	John 10:11-14
3. Both were sent to their brethren by their fathers.	Gen. 37:13-14	Luke 20:13 John 3:17 Heb. 10:7, 19
4. Both hated by their brethren without a cause.	Gen. 37:4-5, 8	John 1:11; 7:5; 15:25
5. Both were plotted against by their brethren.	Gen. 37:20	John 11:53
6. Both were severely tempted.	Gen. 39:7	Matt. 4:1
7. Both were taken to Egypt.	Gen. 37:28	Matt. 2:14-15
8. Both stripped of their robes.	Gen. 37:23	John 19:23-24
9. Both sold for price of a slave.	Gen. 37:28	Matt. 26:15
10. Both were bound.	Gen. 39:20	Matt. 27:2
11. Both remained silent and offered no defense.	Gen. 39:20	Isa. 53:7
12. Both were falsely accused.	Gen. 39:1-18	Matt. 26:59-60
13. Both experienced God's presence through everything.	Gen. 39:2, 21, 23	John 1:32
14. Both were respected by their captors.	Gen. 39:21	Luke 23:47
15. Both were placed with two prisoners, one of which was later lost, and the other saved.	Gen. 40:2-3; 21-22	Luke 23:32; 39-43
16. Both were 30 when their ministry began.	Gen. 41:46	Luke 3:23
17. Both were highly exalted after their sufferings.	Gen. 41:41	Phil. 2:9-11
18. Both took Gentile Brides.	Gen. 41:45	Eph. 3:1-12
19. Both were lost to their brethren for awhile.	Gen. 42:7-8	Rom. 10:1-3; 11:7-8
20. Both forgave and restored their repentant brethren.	Gen. 45:1-15	Micah 7:18-20 Zech. 12:10-12
21. Both were visited and honored by all the earthly nations	Gen. 41:57	Isaiah 2:2-3; 49:6



JUDAH'S SIN - SHAME - SONS

Genesis 38:1-30

KEY VERSE: (Gen. 38:26) *'And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She hath been more righteous than I; ...'*

INTRO: This Chapter is a great example of how God overrules in the affairs of men to accomplish His purposes. Someone well said, "Man proposes, but God disposes."

I. JUDAH'S SONS BY DAUGHTER OF SHUAH - (vs. 1-5).

- A. Judah's Friend Hirah the Adulamite - (v. 1). (From Adulah - 15 miles to Hebron) - (See vs. 20 & 12).
- B. Judah's wife (unnamed) Daughter of Shuah a Canaanite - (v. 2).

NOTE: Abraham was so concerned about his son's future that he sent for a wife for Isaac. Isaac was also concerned for Jacob that he sent Jacob to find a wife among his mother's kinfolds. Apparently Jacob didn't emphasize the choice of a wife for each of his sons; so, Judah married a Canaanite. But, later Judah chose a wife (Tamar) for his son Er, and when Er died, arranged for Onan to fulfill Er's first-born privileges.

- C. Judah's 1st son Er - (v. 3).
- D. Judah's 2nd son Onan - (v. 4).
- E. Judah's 3rd son Shelah - (v. 5).

II. JUDAH'S TRAGEDY -(vs. 6-11).

- A. Er – is Wicked/Slain - (vs. 6-7).
- B. Onan's sin and he is slain - (vs. 8-10).

NOTE: Apparently Onan refused to observe the custom of taking Er's widow to wife. He knew that the inheritance of the first-born would go to Tamar's child, though fathered by Onan. He wanted to have the inheritance of the first-born for himself, not his brother.

- C. Tamar to wait for Shelah - (v. 11).

III. JUDAH'S SIN, SHAME, AND SONS - (vs. 12- 30).

- A. Tamar Plays the Harlot - (vs. 12-24).
 - 1. Tamar entices Judah - (vs. 12-16).
 - 2. Tamar demands a pledge. (Signet, bracelets, & thy staff) - (vs. 17-19).
 - 3. Tamar Disappears. Judah tries to redeem his pledge - (vs. 20-23).
- B. Tamar's Pregnancy Discovered - (vs. 24-26).
 - 1. Tamar condemned by Judah to be burnt - (v. 24).
 - 2. Tamar reveals her lover - (v. 25).
 - 3. Judah declares her more righteous than he, himself - (v. 26).
- C. Tamar twins born - Pharez & Zarah - (vs. 27-30). (See also Matt. 1:3).

NOTE: The 3-fold Privilege of the First-Born:

- 1. Priestly – Levi.
- 2. Physical – Joseph.



JOSEPH TESTED IN EGYPT

(The Faithful Steward)

Genesis Chapter 39

KEY VERSE: (Psalm 105:17) *'He (God) sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant.'* (Gen. 39:2a) *'And the Lord was with Joseph.'*

INTRO: Joseph, totally innocent and unjustifiably, was sold into the hands of the Midianite merchant men who took him “down.” Egypt is always down (the land of Sin). **Has God forgotten his servant Joseph?** No, it is God who (see our Key Verse) is **sending** Joseph into Egypt! Many years prior to the seven year famine which will grip the known world and make Jacob and his household hungry, God is preparing to feed his people. God is never caught unawares! At the age of 17 Joseph is **sent** down into Egypt and is about to begin 13 years of testing. Keep in mind that at the age of 30 Joseph will stand as the Prime Minister of Egypt.

I. JOSEPH'S SERVICE – (vs. 1-6).

A. Purchased as a Slave – (v. 1).

What a humbling experience to go from the position of “greatly loved” to that of a slave - one of the lowest of the low!

B. The Presence of God – (v. 2).

It matters not what our “station” in life, God's presence (and blessing) is with the **man with a “right heart.”**

C. Employed as a Servant – (vs. 3-6).

1. Joseph's True Employer - was the Lord! *'And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;'* (Col. 3:23)
2. Joseph's True Paycheck - would come from the Lord! *'Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.'* (Col. 3:24).

II. JOSEPH'S SELF-CONTROL – (vs. 7-19).

A. The Temptation – (vs. 7, 10).

The devil will surely tempt any man (or woman!) who is serving the Lord. The only reason Joseph was able to stand the temptation, day after day, was because he had a **pure and purposed** heart.

B. The Testimony – (vs. 8-9).

1. This is **'great wickedness'** - sin is sin; places, times, people change, God's standard for righteousness never changes.
2. This is **'sin against God'** - Joseph remembered who he truly served! Sin would offend his True Master **first!**

C. The False Accusations – (vs. 10-19).

1. The Accusation Believed - how quick we all are to believe the worst.
2. The Innocent Suffer - and yet was it “Suffering?” God promises, in all temptation, to make a way of escape, and perhaps Joseph was safer in prison than he was in his master's house.

NOTE: No record is given of any **protest** by Joseph of the accusation certainly was opposite from Jacob, his father, who was always “helping God” work His will in his life. Joseph's **trust** was in his **True Master**.

III. JOSEPH'S SUFFERING – (vs. 20-23).

A. His Imprisonment - (v. 20) - there is some question whether Potiphar was fully convinced of his wife's story because the normal Egyptian punishment would have been **death**.

B. His Reward - (vs. 21-23).

1. The Psalmist's Record (see Psalm 105:18) indicates that for a short time, Joseph was physically punished in prison.
2. The Favor of God - before we can have favor with man, we must have favor from God.
3. Joseph Tested - even as **true of heart** as Joseph was, he still needed the testing of **Affliction** (see Psalm 119:71) to cleanse his life.



JOSEPH IN PRISON

Genesis Chapter 40

KEY VERSE (Psa. 105:18,19) (speaking of Joseph) *'Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron: Until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD tried him.'*

INTRO: Joseph has been in Egypt ten years and has risen from slave and servant to Over-seer of Potiphar's house. Joseph was tested and has risen above **his circumstances**. But **again**, totally innocent, Joseph is "brought low" and put into prison ...how terrible! But is it so terrible? Paul tells us in I Cor. 10:13 that *There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.'* Was Joseph safer in prison or in Potiphar's house? Joseph fled from temptation and God provided for his present safety and future elevation by allowing him to be put into prison. As we observe Joseph in this Chapter, let us bear in mind that we are seeing it with "hindsight" - how often God is preparing for our **future deliverance** even in our **present affliction**.

I. JOSEPH PROVEN MASTER OF HIS CIRCUMSTANCES – (vs. 1-4).

Christians are known (or should be known) by the way they overcome trials and troubles (see John 16:33, I John 5:4 and Rev. 3:12).

A. Joseph's Companions in Prison - (vs. 1-3).

The offense is not stated, but Pharaoh has his Chief Butler & Baker put into prison.

B. Joseph's Service to His Companions - (v. 4).

Although the Baker and Butler were prisoners, they were important prisoners, to whom Joseph was given to serve. **Question** - Was Joseph the only one available for the position, or was it the "good attitude" of Joseph, in his circumstances, that made him a favorable candidate?

II. JOSEPH INTERPRETS DREAMS - (vs. 5-19).

A. Interpretations Belong to God - (vs. 5-8).

1. The dreams were from God.
2. The interpretations were also from God.

NOTE: God does not speak through dreams today, regardless of how vivid or real they may seem. God's revelation is complete in his **Word!** All that God wants us to know, past, present, and future, is contained in the 66 books of the Old and New Testament.

B. The Dreams Interpreted - (vs. 9-19).

1. The dream of the Chief Butler - (vs. 9-15) - the passing of three days will find the Chief Butler restored to his position.
2. The dream of the Chief Baker - (vs. 16-19) - the passing of three days will find the Chief Baker beheaded for his sin against Pharaoh.

III. JOSEPH FORGOTTEN - (vs. 20-23).

A. The Interpretations Prove Correct - (vs. 20-22).

'And it came to pass' just as Joseph (the Lord) had predicted!

B. The Interpreter is Forgotten - (v. 21).

Although surely painful for Joseph, it is a frequent occurrence in human life.

Some Lessons from this Chapter: (1) God's Exact will for our life is being fulfilled, even in the "afflictions of life"; and (2) The Butler may have forgotten Joseph, but God hadn't, as the next Chapter begins *'And it came to pass at the end of two full years...'* - now is God's timing for the **TRIED and TRUE (the SERVANT, Joseph) to step forward as a Leader of men, from God** (a man must learn to be a **Good Servant** before he will ever be a **Great Leader!**



JOSEPH EXALTED

Genesis Chapter 41

KEY VERSE: (Phil. 2:9) *'Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given **HIM** a name which is above every name.'*

INTRO: Joseph, while yet in humiliation, becomes the interpreter of God, and in his elevation he executes with power the revealed will of God and subjects all Egypt to him who sat on the Throne. In all this, Joseph is a wonderful type of Christ, who, in His humiliation revealed the counsel and compassion of God's heart and who will at His soon coming bring all the world into subjection unto God. Two outstanding lessons: (1) How God took Joseph out of the pit (Dungeon, cf. Psalm 40:1) and exalted him to the King's right hand; also, (2) How one man rule can come about in the last days!

I. THE TRIAL – (v. 1). Notice three things about this Trial:

- A. **The Time** -- Two full years of Humiliation and Isolation.
- B. **The Testing** -- (Psalm 105:19 - He was tried by the Word of God).
- C. **The Purpose** -- (see Gen. 45:5-8 & Rom. 8:28 - Who sent him & why?).

II. PHARAOH'S DREAMS – (vs. 1-8).

A. **The Dreamer** – (v. 1) - God's Purpose in Dreams (see Job 33:14-18)

- 1. To Speak - (Job 33:14).
- 2. To Instruct - (v. 16).
- 3. To Warn - (v. 17).
- 4. To Show - (v. 23).
- 5. To Deliver - (v. 24).
- 6. To Point to Christ - (v. 24).

NOTE: God now speaks through Christ through His Word - (Heb. 1:2)!

B. **The Dreams** – (vs. 2-7).

- 1. The Well-Favoured, Fat Cows eaten up by the Ill-Favoured, Lean Cows.
- 2. The Seven Good Ears of Corn devoured by the Seven Lean Ears of Corn.

C. **The Result of the Dreams** – (v. 8) - Pharaoh is Troubled.

D. **The Wise Men's Failure to Interpretate Dreams** – (v. 8).

III. THE INTERPRETATION OF THE DREAMS – (vs. 9-13).

A. **The Butler's Confession of Forgetting Joseph** – (vs. 9-13).

B. **Joseph's Testimony** – (vs. 15-16, 25) – *'It is not in me: God...' 'God hath showed Pharaoh...'*

C. **The Dream Interpreted** – (vs. 25-36).

- 1. The 7 Fat Cows & 7 Full Ears **equal** 7 Good years of plenty.
- 2. The River & the East Wind **equal** Severe Trouble which results in;
- 3. The 7 Lean Cows & 7 Thin Ears of Corn which **equals** 7 years of Famine.

NOTE: Joseph not only explains Pharaoh's Dreams but also gives a plan by which they could all profit by it (vs. 33-36).

IV. JOSEPH'S EXALTATION – (vs. 37-53).

A. **Pharaoh Recognized Joseph's Ability** – (vs. 37-39).

B. **Joseph's Exalted Position** – (vs. 40-44).

C. **Joseph's New Name** – (v. 45) - *'Zaphnathpaaneah.'*

D. **Joseph's Success** – (vs. 46-53) - At Business and at Home.



JOSEPH'S BRETHREN JOURNEY TO EGYPT

Genesis Chapter 42

KEY VERSE: (Gen. 42:2) *'And he [Jacob] said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die.'*

INTRO: Joseph is elevated from the **prison to the palace**, but it took God 13 years to bring him to this **place of service**. As Joseph predicted, the seven fat years were followed by seven lean ones, causing people from many lands to buy their food in Egypt (41:53-57). More than 20 years have passed since Joseph's brothers sold him to the Midianite merchants and their sin is about to come home "to roost." Even though God will use the intended evil of the brothers for good (Gen. 50:20), they still will suffer the consequences of that sin!

I. THE JOURNEY TO EGYPT – (vs. 1-5).

A. There was corn in Egypt - (vs. 1-2).

B. The ten brothers journey to Egypt - (vs. 3-5) - leaving only their youngest brother, Benjamin, at home. All ten were sent, perhaps, as there may have been a limit on how much corn one man could purchase.

II. THE INTERVIEWS WITH JOSEPH, THE GOVERNOR - (vs. 6-24).

A. Joseph's Position - (v. 6).

This verse clearly proclaims his place of Leadership in Egypt and shows the fulfillment of the first dream he shared with his brothers over twenty years ago.

B. The Brothers Meet Joseph - (vs. 7-13).

Joseph does not reveal himself at first but accuses them of being foreign spies. The frightened brothers attempt to convince him otherwise.

C. The Brothers put into prison - (vs. 14-20).

Joseph throws them into jail for 3 days, then releases them. He keeps Simeon as a hostage until they can return with Benjamin, as he demands they bring him to him.

D. The Brothers converse - (vs. 21-24).

The terrified brothers acknowledge to each other that their present misfortunes have doubtless been caused by the terrible sin committed twenty years back, not realizing that Joseph can understand every word.

III. THE RETURN TO CANAAN - (vs. 25-38).

A. Joseph's command - (v. 25 - "Give them their corn and their money.")

B. The startling discovery - (vs. 26-28).

Although one discovered his money in his sack of corn, the others are still unaware of the money in their sacks.

C. The arrival home - (vs. 29-39).

The brothers arrive home safe but concerned for Simeon (in jail, in Egypt) who awaits their return and for Benjamin who will need to go back to Egypt with them.

1. The Trip Related – (vs. 29-34).

2. The Money Discovered – (v. 35).

3. The Father's Concern – (v. 36).

4. Rueben's Offer – (v. 37).

5. Jacob's Reply – (v. 38).

CONCLUSION: Joseph's desire in all this was to see his beloved brother, Benjamin! Joseph was not seeking revenge or retribution on his brothers but had a true desire to be re-united with Benjamin.



JOSEPH'S BROTHERS RETURN TO EGYPT

Genesis Chapter 43

KEY VERSE: (II Cor. 5:18) *'And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;'*

INTRO: In Chapter 37, ten men sold their youngest brother to a group of passing Midianite merchants. Now, more than 20 years later, in Chapters 42-45 of Genesis, they come face to face with that brother and their sin. Joseph, a Spirit filled (Genesis 41:38) and directed man, is seeking **reconciliation**. A man not led of the Holy Spirit would have seen that the brothers "got what they deserved!" To bring about that reconciliation, Joseph seeks to **first** determine their present character, and **second**, to bring about real heart and life repentance for their sin. Although in Chapter 42 they left Simeon in Egypt, in jail "as Joseph's guarantee of their quick return" **it is hunger** (43:1, 2) that will initiate their second trip to Egypt.

I. THE DECISION TO RETURN TO EGYPT – (vs. 1-14).

A. Motivated by Hunger – (vs. 1-2) - Their thought was for their empty stomachs, not Simeon.

B. Judah Reminds them of Joseph's Conditions for their Return - (vs. 3-5).

They were not to return **unless** they took their youngest brother, Benjamin (Joseph's "full brother" by Rachel) was with them.

C. The Discussion About the Trip - (vs. 6-14).

1. Israel's concern for Benjamin – (vs. 6-7).
2. Judah as surety for Benjamin's safety - (vs. 8-10).
3. Israel's advice and blessing for the trip – (vs. 11-14). Israel didn't have much choice - the family was hungry and needed the food the brothers would purchase in Egypt. They leave with a present, money for food and Benjamin.

II. THE BROTHERS ARRIVE IN EGYPT - (vs. 15-25).

A. The Invitation to Joseph's House - (vs. 15-17).

B. The Brothers Concern - (v. 18).

C. The Brother's Conversation with the Steward - (vs. 19-23a).

They are being brought to a place of helplessness. Before true repentance can take place and an individual can be saved, they must see themselves as **LOST, hopelessly, helplessly, LOST!**

D. The Brothers Prepare for the Meal with Joseph - (vs. 23b-25).

1. Simeon is released from prison - (v. 23b).
2. For the first time in over 20 years, all 12 brothers will be together, although only one will be aware of it!

III. JOSEPH'S FEAST FOR HIS BROTHERS - (vs. 26-34).

A. Joseph's Concern for His Father - (vs. 26-28).

B. Joseph Meets Benjamin - (vs. 29-30).

C. Joseph and His Brothers Feast Together - (vs. 31-34).

The brothers are fed at a separate table from that of Joseph. But to their amazement he seats them in order of their ages, giving Benjamin five times as much food as the others.



THEIR FINAL TEST

Genesis Chapter 44

KEY VERSE: (I Peter 1:7) *'That the TRIAL OF YOUR FAITH, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.'*

INTRO: Joseph entertained his brothers and heaps further kindnesses upon them by filling their sacks with food and restoring each man's money in his sack and sends them away with gladness, but he also exercises them with further trials. Joseph uses this final trial to bring them humbly to the place of **sincere repentance**. This he did by bringing Benjamin into distress.

I. TRIED AND TESTED – (vs. 1-17). Many call themselves “True Men” (see Ch. 42:11, 31) - but when tested they are found **false, short, and lacking.**

A. Joseph's Plan to Bring Them into Distress – (vs. 1-3).

The Silver Cup is hidden in the sack of the Youngest.

B. Joseph's Gives the Detailed Instructions – (vs. 4-5).

C. Accused and Searched – (vs. 6-12). The cup is found in Benjamin's Sack. Why was it put in Benjamin's Sack?

1. What would be their reaction toward Benjamin? Same as to him?
2. If they forsook Benjamin, then Joseph would have revealed himself to Benjamin alone and kept them with himself.
3. Benjamin was the least likely to commit such a crime.
4. Benjamin was the one to whom five times as much food was given at supper the night before.

D. Their Return to Joseph's House – (vs. 13-15).

E. Their Humility and Their Submission – (vs. 16-17).

NOTE: In Genesis 43:21-22 their **honesty** is tested, in verse 34 their **jealousy** was tested, and in Chapter 44 their **loyalty** is tested. Especially, Judah's loyalty is tested (Gen. 37:26-27). It was Judah who had so cruelly proposed that Joseph be sold as a slave. It is Judah who actually pleads to become a substitute for Benjamin.

II. JUDAH'S INTERCESSION FOR BENJAMIN – (vs. 18-34).

A. It was an Humble Plea -- note number of times *'Thy Servants.'*

B. It was an Honest Plea -- Sincere from the heart.

C. It was a Powerful Plea -- In behalf of another.

LESSONS: (1) They were tried in the unexpected manner, when they least expected a trial; The time of confidence may be the hour of peril; (2) They were Falsely Accused, greater is Reward (Mt. 5:11); (3) The Cup was found in Benjamin's sack and he knew it not...it is not always open and known sin that causes our downfall. Judah could not prove his brother innocent, nor could he believe him guilty.



JOSEPH MADE KNOWN

Genesis Chapter 45

KEY VERSE: (Acts 7:13) *'the second time Joseph was made known to his brethren.'*

INTRO: It is a shame that we had to divide Genesis 43 and Genesis 44 into two lessons, for the pleading of Judah for Benjamin was literally answered by Joseph with these words, *'I am Joseph.'* What a revelation!

I. JOSEPH MADE KNOWN TO HIS BROTHERS – (vs. 1-15). Christ was not known the first time – (John 1:11); **Moses** was not accepted the first time – (Exo. 2:11-12); **Joshua** was not believed the first time – (Num. 13:31-14:10); **David** was resented 1st time – (I Sam. 17:17-18, 28, 33). **Yet all these were (or will be) accepted the second time.**

A. Joseph Caused the Egyptians to 'Go Out' - (v. 1).

B. Joseph, Man of Compassion, 'Wept Aloud' - (v. 2).

Seven times Joseph weeps:

1. When his brothers first confessed - 42:24.
2. When he beheld Benjamin - 43:30.
3. When he made himself known - 45:2.
4. When his brothers were reconciled - 45:15.
5. When he saw his father, Jacob - 46:29.
6. When his father Jacob died - 50:1.
7. When his love was questioned - 50:15-17.

Compare Jesus weeping at Lazarus' Grave and over the City of Jerusalem.

C. Brother's Troubled Spirit - (v. 3). They now come Face to Face with the realization of the **awfulness** of their sin (see Zech. 12:10 and Revelation 1:7).

D. Joseph's Opportunity for Revenge - (v. 4).

E. God's Will for Their Lives – (vs. 5-8). (cf. Deut. 6:24) *'to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day.'*

F. Commissioned to Seek Others - (vs. 9-13).

G. Joseph Shows Forgiveness - (vs. 15-16).

II. PHARAOH AND HIS HOUSE REJOICE WITH JOSEPH - (vs. 16-20).

'that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth,.' - (Luke 15:7)

Notice Pharaoh's gracious invitation - (vs. 17-20).

III. JOSEPH SENDS FOR HIS FATHER, JACOB - (vs. 21-24).

Joseph not only provided their needs, but their luxuries too. Joseph shows **love for his Father** by honoring Benjamin and sending choice gifts to Father.

IV. THE JOYFUL NEWS TOLD TO JACOB - (vs. 25-28) - Joseph is Alive!

A. Too Good to Be True - (v. 26). Hard for Jacob to believe! There are two types of unbelievers: those who **refuse** to believe (see John 3:19) and those who find it **hard** to believe, like Thomas.

B. Jacob Believes Because He Sees or Seeing is Believing - (v. 27).

C. Jacob's Faith Revived – (v. 27-28). Notice His new name ISRAEL is used again.



JACOB COMES TO EGYPT

Genesis Chapter 46

KEY VERSE: (Isaiah 55:8) *'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.'*

INTRO: Jacob hears, sees and believes Joseph is alive and acts upon that Faith. He takes his journey toward Egypt. There is a natural reluctance because of his age and God's promises relating to the Land.

I. JACOB COMES TO BEER-SHEBA – (vs. 1-4). The Well of the Oath – (see Gen. 21:31). Beer-Sheba was a Frontier or Border Town where both Abraham and Isaac had worshipped God (Genesis 21:33 and 26:24-25). For more than 20 years we find no sacrifice offered or God appearing to Jacob - Bethel was the last time - (Gen. 35:9). Jacob seeks God's will before going any further.

A. Jacob Finds God Because He Looked For Him - (v. 1).

B. God's Will Was Clearly Revealed - (v. 3). Notice God's three "I will's"
'fear not to go down into Egypt;'

C. God's Presence and Protections are Promised - (v. 3).

'I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again:'

D. God's Purpose is Declared - (v. 3).

*'for I will **there** make of thee a great nation:'*

II. JACOB CONTINUES HIS JOURNEY INTO EGYPT - (vs. 5-7).

A. In Fulfillment of God's Prophecy to Abram (Gen. 15:13).

B. The Other Half of This Prophecy is fulfilled when Israel leaves Egypt (Exo. 12:38).

III. THOSE GOING WITH JACOB ARE NAMED - (vs. 8-27).

A. Shows How Complete Israel's Migration to Egypt was.

Also shows what an influence **Father** has, he leads whole family to do God's Will.

B. Also Shows How God Can Take Nothing and Make Something Out of It.

So few souls (75) went down to Egypt and God made them an exceeding great nation - (2,000,000 - Exodus 1:7).

C. All These People are Grouped According to Jacob's Wives:

1. Leah - 33 Descendants - (vs. 8-15).

2. Zilpah, Leah's Handmaid - 16 Descendants (vs. 16-18).

3. Rachel - 14 Descendants - (vs. 19-22).

4. Bilhah, Rachel's Handmaid - 7 Descendants - (vs. 23-25).

NOTE: The total number was 75, including wives (Acts 7:14). Remember, Benjamin, Joseph, his wife and two sons were already there.

IV. FATHER AND SON MEET IN EGYPT - (vs. 28-34).

A. Judah is Chosen as Leader to Meet Joseph - (v. 28) - (Gen. 44:18).

B. Land of Goshen - (vs. 28-29) - Goshen was the best of Egypt (World).

C. Joseph Meets Jacob - (vs. 29-31) - Joseph is anxious to introduce to Pharaoh.

D. Their Nationality & Their Occupation are Despised by Egyptians - (vs. 32-34) - but served a purpose for Israel: (1) Kept them a separate people; (2) kept them from intermarrying, *'unequally yoked'* (II Cor. 6:14); and (3) kept them from idolatry, Worshipping Egyptian Idols.



ISRAEL IN THE LAND OF GOSHEN

Genesis Chapter 47

KEY VERSE: (Genesis 47:6a) *'The land of Egypt is before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell.'*

INTRO: In this chapter, the land of Goshen becomes the **temporary** home of Jacob (Israel) and his household. It was from Goshen that the approximately three million plus descendants of Jacob would be led by Moses back to Canaan -the Promised Land - some 430 years later (Ex. 12:40). Goshen was the best of all the land in Egypt and typical of the believers position in the world. In Exodus 8:22 and 9:26 (compare with Romans 8:1 and Eph. 2:6) we read where the plagues of Egypt did not come upon the land of Goshen.

I. JACOB AND HIS SONS BEFORE THE PHARAOH – (vs. 1-10).

A. Joseph's Brethren (5) Before Pharaoh - (vs. 1-6).

1. Five brethren (the number of **grace**) are chosen – (vs. 1-2).
2. They were “coached” (Ch. 46:34) to say they were shepherds - (vs. 3-4).
3. Pharaoh gives the brothers their choice of all the land of Egypt - (vs. 5-6).

B. Joseph's Father Before Pharaoh - (vs. 7-10).

II. JOSEPH'S POLICY IN EGYPT - (vs. 11-26).

A. Joseph's Policy Towards the Israelites - (vs. 11-12).

Joseph makes sure his father, brothers and families are all well taken care of, with a place to live and bread to eat.

B. Joseph's Policy Towards the Egyptians - (vs. 13-26).

1. Joseph gives corn in exchange for **money** – (vs. 13-14) - but the Egyptians ran out of money in a year (v. 15)
2. Joseph gives corn (bread) in exchange for **cattle** – (vs. 16-17) - but the Egyptians ran out of cattle (and all other animals – (v. 18) within a year.
3. Joseph gives bread in exchange for **land** – (vs. 19-20) - but the Egyptians use up all their land within another year. Joseph then:
 - a. Moves the people into cities – (v. 21);
 - b. Took not the land of the priests – (v. 22);
 - c. Turned the people into “tenant” farmers. The land belongs to Pharaoh, but Joseph gives sowing seed to the people – (v. 23);
 - d. Asks “as payment” one-fifth of all that the land produces, leaving the people four-fifths to live on – (vs. 24-26).

III. ISRAEL'S RESIDENCE IN EGYPT – (vs. 27-31).

A. The Hebrews Prosper and Multiply – (v. 27).

B. Jacob Approaches Death – (vs. 28-31).

1. Lives 17 years in Goshen - is now 147.
2. Requests that he not be buried in Egypt – (vs. 29-31).



JACOB THE PROPHET

Genesis Chapter 48

KEY VERSE: (Hebrews 11:21) *'By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.'*

INTRO: Chapter 47 covered 17 years in the life of Jacob, from his arrival in the land of Egypt, his settling in Goshen, and at the end of Chapter 47, we find him near death. He calls Joseph and makes him promise to bury him back in the Promise Land in the burying place of Abraham and Isaac. Chapter 48 contains the final words of Jacob and the reason why Jacob's words are so important is because the Spirit of Prophecy was upon him. He was speaking not as Jacob would speak, but by Divine Inspiration - (see II Pet. 1:21).

I. JOSEPH AND HIS TWO SONS VISIT HIS SICK FATHER - (vs. 1-2).

Jacob has a newness of strength.

II. JACOB REPEATS GOD'S PROMISES TO JOSEPH - (vs. 3-7).

A. Jacob Reveals God as "God of Revelation" - (vs. 3).

Jacob did not find God...God appeared to Jacob in his time of distress!
(See also: Acts 7:2, Titus 3:3-4; and I John 4:10).

B. God of Blessing and Promise - (vs. 3-4).

(See Heb. 6:13-14 and Ephesians 1:3).

C. Ephraim and Manasseh are Adopted by Jacob - (vs. 5-6) - *'They shall be mine.'*

They were not to belong to Pharaoh or Egypt. We are both born and adopted into God's family! (See I Pet. 1:23, Rom. 8:15).

D. Jacob's Second Reason why Joseph should remember God's promise & look forward to the Promised Land was "mother is buried there" - (v. 7).

III. JACOB BLESSES JOSEPH'S SONS - (vs. 8-20) - Ephraim & Manasseh.

A. Jacob's Act of Faith - (see Heb. 11:20-21).

B. Jacob's Faith Overcomes Joseph's Will - (v. 19).

Just as Issac's faith overcame the will of the Flesh - (Genesis 27:33).

C. A Godly Walk Is Walking in the Light of His Word - (v. 15) - (see Psalms 37:23-24).

D. The God of Redemption - (v. 16).

'The angel which redeemed me from all evil.'

1. Delivered him from bondage to Laban - (Ch. 33:41).

2. Delivered from Esau's anger - (Ch. 33:4).

3. Delivered from sorrow over loss of Joseph - (Ch. 37:35).

4. Delivered by Joseph from famine - (Psalm 34:19).

E. Younger Son Receives the Greater Blessing - (vs. 17-20).

(cf. Jacob and Esau. see Romans 9:12-16).

IV. JACOB AGAIN BLESSES JOSEPH BY PROMISE - (vs. 21-22).



JACOB'S PROPHECY

Genesis Chapter 49

KEY VERSE: (Genesis 49:10) *'The sceptre shall not depart from Judah...'*

INTRO: Jacob's last words are so important because the Spirit of Prophecy was upon him. He was speaking not as Jacob would speak, but by Divine inspiration - (see II Peter 1:21).

I. JACOB'S PROPHECY CONCERNING HIS SONS – (vs. 1-28).

- A. Reuben – (vs. 3-4)** - Jacob's First-Born.
Lost his position because of SIN - (James 1:6-8).
Birthright went to Joseph and Sons - (I Chron. 5:1-2).
No Judge, Prophet or King came from this tribe - (Deut. 33:6).
- B. Simeon and Levi - (vs. 5-7)** - Their sin remembered - (Gen. 34:25). A Curse is pronounced upon both these tribes, but the Sons of Levi later redeemed themselves and became the Priestly Tribe. Both these tribes were divided and scattered - (Joshua 19:1-9 & 21:41). Levi was divided into 42 Cities.
- C. Judah - (vs. 8-12)** - The Royal Tribe from which the Messiah came. David, the first King from this tribe, started its dominion. Verse 10 is the most important verse in this Chapter, contains the prophecy of the 1st and 2nd Coming of Christ. First in Peace and Prosperity and then in Judgment - (vs. 11-12).
(The Sceptre or Rod = Symbol of Power and Authority).
- D. Zebulun - (vs. 13)** - A Place of Refuge, a Haven. Joseph and Mary found refuge there when they returned from Egypt - (Matthew 2:22-23; 4:14-15 and John 7:1).
- E. Issachar - (vs. 14-15)** - A Servant with Wisdom - (I Chron. 12:32).
- F. Dan - (vs. 16-18)** - Cruel and Treacherous, an enemy in ambush. Samson came from this tribe (Judges 13:25). This was the first tribe to fall into Idolatry (Judges 18:30 and I King 12). This Tribe is omitted in Revelation 7.
- G. Gad - (v. 19)** - Defeat and then Victory, Warriors - (Deut. 33:20-21).
- H. Asher - (v. 20)** - Blessed with Children, accepted of his brethren, and rich in goods - (Deut. 33:24). The Prophetess Anna was of this Tribe - (Luke 2:36-38).
- I. Naphtali - (v. 21)** - "A hind let loose." Gifted with speech. The Hero of this Tribe was Barak (Judges 4:6 and Jude 5, His Song).
- J. Joseph - (vs. 22-26)** - Jacob's Favorite Son. The greater blessings went to Joseph, he was to be more Fruitful than any of the others - (I Chron. 5:1 and Eze. 47:13).
(Joseph had **more trials** as well as **more blessings**).
- K. Benjamin – (v. 27).** They became the Warrior Tribe - (Judges 20:14-17). Israel's First King, King Saul, was a Benjamite - (I Sam. 9:1-2). The great Apostle Paul (Saul) was of this tribe - (Rom. 11:1).

II. THE DYING JACOB AND HIS DEATH – (vs. 29-33).

- A. Jacob Gives Instructions Concerning His Burial – (vs. 29-32).** Buried with his Father (Isaac), and his Grandfather (Abraham), and Leah (His Wife) and **not** with Rachel.
- B. Buried in the Cave of Machpelah in Land of Ephron – (v. 32).**
- C. Jacob's Death – (v. 33)** - Jacob's whole age, 147 years - (Genesis 47:28).



JACOB'S BURIAL & JOSEPH'S DEATH

Genesis Chapter 50

KEY VERSE: (Genesis 50:24) *'And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.'*

INTRO: In our study of Genesis, from Chapter 11 on, we have met **four great men of God - Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph**. The last - Joseph - whom we have observed from Chapter 37, now dies at the age of 110. As long as Joseph lived he was a testimony to Egypt of the "Hebrew's God." There will arise (in Exodus, Chapter 1) a new king in Egypt which *'knew not Joseph'* who will also fail to understand the blessing that has come to Egypt because of Joseph and the Hebrews.

I. THE GRIEF OF JOSEPH – (vs. 1-3).

A. 'Joseph Wept.' Note the mentions of Joseph weeping: (Gen. 42:24; 43:30; 45:2,15; 46:29; 50:1; and 50:17).

1. Joseph closed Jacob's eyes in death according to Promise – (Gen. 46:4);
2. Jacob often spoke of dying with grief and bereaved of his children – (Gen. 37:34-35; 42:38; and 43:13-14). Yet God was much better to Jacob than he thought – (see Eph. 3:20; Genesis 48:11).

B. Egyptians mourn for Jacob 70 days as one of Royalty.

1. Not only does Jacob's death make a great impression on the Egyptians, but his funeral impressed the Canaanites – (v. 11).
2. Some people accomplish more through their death than during their life – (Samson - Judges 16:30; Lazarus – John 11:45-48).

II. JACOB'S BURIAL – (vs. 4-14).

A. Joseph does not speak directly to Pharaoh – (vs. 4-6) - but through his household. Joseph, in mourning, was not qualified to face Pharaoh.

B. His request in verse 4 shows - (vs. 7-9) - that he "found much Grace" in Pharaoh's eyes, even abundant Grace!

C. 'Abel-Mizraim' - (vs. 10-11) - means the "Mourning of Egypt."

D. Jacob buried - (vs. 12-13) - in *'the cave of the field of Machpelah.'*

E. Return to Egypt - (v. 14).

III. THE FEAR OF JOSEPH'S BROTHERS - (vs. 15-21).

A. Their fear was strengthened - (v. 15) - by their father's absence.

B. They seek mercy through another - (vs. 16-17) - even as we find Mercy through Christ – (I John 2:1-2).

C. Joseph confirms his love by comforting them - (vs. 18-21).

Joseph was more kind and willing to forgive than his brothers imagined.

D. Joseph realized Divine guidance in his life - (v. 20).

IV. JOSEPH LIVES to see HIS CHILDREN of the 3rd Generation – (vs. 22-23).

V. JOSEPH'S DEATH at 110 years old - (vs. 24-26).

A. He leaves his brethren with a blessed hop - (v. 24).

B. Joseph extracts a promise concerning his burial - (v. 25).

C. Joseph dies - (v. 26) - but is not buried for 200 years – (see Exo. 13:19).



THE ORIGIN OF NATIONS

INTRO: The ancient world was settled by the descendants of Noah's three sons.

SHEM, HAM & JAPHETH

I. JAPHETH'S DESCENDANTS & PEOPLES THEY FOUNDED:

1. **Gomer** - Germany - (Ezek. 38:6).
2. **Magog, Tubal, and Meshech** - Russia - (Ezek. 38:1-3).
3. **Javan** - Greece - (Gen. 10:2).
4. **Madai** - Persia.
5. **Tiras** - Italy.
6. **Togarmah** - Armenia.
7. **Tarshish** - Spain.
8. **Kittim** - Cyprus.

II. HAM'S DESCENDANTS & PEOPLES THEY FOUNDED:

1. **Cush** - Ethiopia.
2. **Mizraim** - Egypt.
3. **Phut** - Africa.
4. **Canaan** - Canaanites of Palestine .
(Gen. 10:19; 13:12-13; 18:20-21; 19:1-11; 1 Kings 14:24)
5. **Nimrod** - Babylon & Assyria - (Gen. 10:8-10).
6. **Sidon** - Phoenicia.
7. **Heth** - Hittites.
8. **Jebus** - Jebusites, the occupants of Jerusalem prior to David's reign.
(II Sam. 5:6-9)
9. **Philistines** - Philistines - (Gen. 10:14).
10. **Sin** - Possible founder of oriental peoples: China, Japan, India, etc.

III. SHEM'S DESCENDANTS & PEOPLES THEY FOUNDED:

1. Through Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob the nation ISRAEL.
2. Through Abraham, Ishmael & Esau the **Middle Eastern Arab** countries.



SCRIPTURES RELATING TO MIXED MARRIAGES

(Gen. 2:21-24) God made Eve of Adam's Rib.
She was bone of his bone,
and flesh of his flesh.
She was the same as he.

(Gen. 6:2) Men (Sons of God) *'they took them wives of all which they chose.'*
Notice two things:
(1) *'Wives'* - implies more than one.
(2) *'...they chose'* - Not God's choice, but man's choice which was contrary to God's will - which led to judgment.

(Gen. 24:3) *'thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites,'*
Inter-marriage was forbidden.

(Gen. 28:1) Isaac to his son Jacob: *'Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.'*

SEPARATION - No Inter-marriage.

(Deut. 7:3) *'Neither shalt thou make marriages with them: thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.'*

(Neh. 10:30) *'and that we would not give our daughters unto the people of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons.'*

(Neh. 13:23-27) Notice several things that happened when they married strange wives: (1) Their children were affected - (v. 24); (2) God worked against them & they were cursed - (v. 25); (3) Solomon sinned against God (v. 26); (4) Sin against God and trespass against God (v 27); (5) They were smote or judged (v 25).

(Ezra 9:12; 10:2; 10:44) *'we have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land...' (Ezra 10:2)*

'All these had taken strange wives: and some of them had wives by whom they had children.' (Ezra 10:44)

(II Cor. 6:14) *'Be ye not **unequally yoked** together with unbelievers:'*